

Monday

Feud... Salman Rushdie, Booker Prize winner for his novel of India, 'Midnight's Children', has focused his new book on Pakistan, against the background of the feud between President Zia and executed Prime Minister Bhutto...



...for Sport The start of the football season, the Fourth Test, the Dutch Grand Prix, athletics in Cologne, 11 race meetings, showjumping at Hickstead - it's the biggest sporting weekend of the year.

Hare today... Modern Times doggedly pursues the delights of greyhound racing.

Pound slips against the dollar

The pound lost ground against a strong dollar yesterday, slipping 63 points to close at \$1,501.5, having fallen below \$1.50 at one stage.

Court challenge on 'open skies'

The High Court has granted British Airways the right to challenge the Government's 'open skies' policy designed to encourage airline competition.

Escape control

After discovering a warren of escape tunnels under a camp housing Arab prisoners at Ansar, south Lebanon, the Israeli Army has moved all 3,000 inmates to a temporary compound until a permanent camp is completed.

Cardinal ill

Cardinal Terence Cooke, aged 62, Archbishop of New York, is terminally ill with leukemia and could die within "a matter of months", the archdiocese announced.

Angola mission

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, UN Secretary General, met a bizarre reception in Luanda, Angola, as he arrived for talks on Namibia.

Petrol stamps

Trading stamps which can be redeemed against petrol holidays are to be offered at 400 garages and filling stations in Wales and the West Country.

Jails threat

Prison officers in Northern Ireland are threatening an overtime ban which will mean police being drafted in on Monday to run jails.

Scientific talks

The meetings on the last day of the conference on the British Association for the Advancement of Science are reported on page 4.

Sind violence

All police leave has been cancelled in Sind province as the Pakistani authorities prepare for a possible third week of violent demonstrations.

Cook triumphs

Spin bowler Nick Cook put England in a commanding position in the fourth Cornhill Test match yesterday as he cut through the New Zealand first innings.

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, etc. and corresponding page numbers.

Soviet deal depends on Nato retreat over cruise Andropov offers to destroy SS20s moved from Europe

President Andropov has offered to "liquidate a considerable number" of Soviet SS20 missiles as part of an overall agreement on the reduction of medium-range missiles in Europe.

From Richard Owen, Moscow "new manifestation of good will" by the Soviet Union. Western diplomats commented that although the offer held out some hope of progress at the Geneva talks...

have unilaterally reduced our arsenal... but also have given our blessing to new American missiles targeted against us and our allies.



Man and missile: President Yuri Andropov and the SS20, a "considerable number" of which he has promised to destroy.

John Brown to make 500 redundant

By Andrew Cornelius John Brown, the troubled engineering group, yesterday announced that 500 employees are to be made redundant among the 1,700 at its gas turbine division at Clydebank.

Miners vote to accept closure

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent Coal industry leaders were confident last night that their swift action in closing two pits had defused any threatened militancy after miners at the doomed Cardowan colliery, near Glasgow, voted decisively against taking industrial action.

Challenge yachts get 'all clear'

From David Miller Newport, Rhode Island The New York Yacht Club yesterday climbed down on all controversial points involving the Australian and British yachts involved in the America's Cup challenge series elimination finals to commence tomorrow.

Steel attacked over dictatorial approach

By Anthony Berins, Political Correspondent One of Mr David Steel's prime adversaries in his confrontation with Liberal activists yesterday accused his leader of adopting a "dictatorial, Thatcher-type" approach to the party.

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Mr Tooy Greaves, full-time organizing secretary for the Association of Liberal Councilors, said that in the past, when the party had been smaller, the leader had been elevated out of all proportion to the point at which he had been regarded as a Prime Ministerial figure within the party.

Cardowan colliery closed

Cardowan, the last remaining pit in Lanarkshire was earmarked for closure by the NCB because of geological difficulties, and a collapse in markets that meant the pit was heading for a £10m loss this year.

Miners have been offered redundancy, early retirement or offered jobs in the salvage work

The NCB said last night that it was pleased by the vote and would now concentrate on relocating miners to other jobs. Miners with up to 35 years' service could qualify for £25,000 pay-offs with about £100 a week until they reach retirement age.

Unlucky man in France

From Diana Geddes, Paris A few weeks after that, it caught fire and was then stolen on four different occasions, each time being returned even more badly damaged.

Shopkeeper's 17 'disasters'

Unluckiest man in France. The insurance companies have dubbed him the most disaster-prone person in France. Over the past three years, M Baenard Acheriaux, a 38-year-old shopkeeper from Puy in the Auvergne, has suffered 17 disasters, not one of which was his fault.

Holidaymakers see pilot's death plunge

An RAF pilot died yesterday after guiding his stricken jet away from hundreds of holidaymakers on the east coast. The war's British weather seems to be having some unusual repercussions.

TV-am takes peak breakfast ratings lead

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Illingworth wants to quit Yorkshire fray

Yorkshire cricket was threatened with its biggest turmoil so far when Raymond Illingworth offered to resign as captain and manager yesterday. He was sick and tired, he said, of the "aggro" he and his family have had since returning to the county, and he specifically mentioned in this context the pro-Boycott faction.

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Vauxhall men to block imports

Vauxhall car workers have launched a nationwide operation to stop the import of General Motors vehicles in an attempt to force the company to increase a pay offer.

The action comes after union leaders representing men at the Company's plants in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, and Bedford rejected a 5 per cent offer.

After Thursday's stoppage by 1,800 Transport and General Workers' Union members at Ellesmere which cost £450,000 in lost production, 2,400 Amalgamated Union of engineering Workers men walked out on strike yesterday after a meeting bringing production to a halt.

The two sets of workers both voted unanimously to boycott further pay talks with the company, and organize a block on imports of General Motors vehicles. They are demanding £25 across the board.

The action will affect half of Vauxhall's 15 per cent share of the market, and include the Nova, Carlton and the entire Opel range, which are built in Spain and West Germany.

The TGWU convenor at Ellesmere Port, Mr John Farrell, said: "Talks have already begun at executive level in the union to organize the blockade."

"Support is guaranteed and we will be hitting the company where they are most profitable. General Motors makes £1,000 more profit on a foreign-made Astra than one made in Britain."

"They have seriously underestimated the intelligence of the workforce at Ellesmere Port. For the past year they have been calling us supermen because we have achieved record efficiency and productivity levels while they make mooney hand over fist."

Advertisement for Brown Shipley Investment Portfolio. Text: 'AT LAST YOUR CHANCE TO BUILD UP A PORTFOLIO OF STOCKS AND SHARES AND INSURE YOUR LIFE FOR £30,000 OR MORE.'

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'Open skies' policy faces challenge in court from British Airways

By David Nicholson-Lovell

British Airways yesterday was given the right to challenge in court the Government's "open skies" policy, designed to open the state airline's services to private competition.

At a hearing in the High Court, BA was given permission to seek judicial review of the Civil Aviation Authority's decision earlier this month to allow British Midland Airways a share of the shuttle route between Heathrow and Belfast. The BMA service would undercut BA's shuttle by £3.50 per journey.

Full hearing of the case is not expected until early October, when BMA was planning to start its shuttle. The private airlines, which unsuccessfully joined forces with the CAA in court yesterday to prevent BA's application, said its service would go ahead as planned.

A BMA spokesman said there would be further recourse to the courts if the state airline dragged its feet. "We shall exercise our rights to make further applications to the courts if necessary to make them get a move on with their case," he added.

Yesterday's legal move by BA had attracted widespread attention because it by-passed the

established channel of appeal against the CAA's decision to Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Transport. He was reported to be embarrassed by the airline's apparent challenge to the Government's policy, only two years before it is due for privatization.

Mr John Perry, BA's director of public affairs, said after the hearing that the Department of Transport had been kept informed and denied that BA's move had embarrassed the Government. "All civil aviation throughout the world is covered by law and Government regulations. We are concerned with a point of law."

"If the airports are going to be moved in the middle of the game then we need to know what is happening."

Mr Justice Nolan granted the application after Mr Peter Scott, QC, claimed that the CAA had wrongly interpreted the Civil Aviation Act, 1982, which embodies the "open skies" Act of 1980.

Mr Scott said that the CAA had read section four and six of the Act as "imposing a bias in favour of competition." This was not the case.

"The Act is not saying that where practicable competition

should be introduced. This is a balancing exercise. It is of crucial importance when one is dealing with an air transport licence on route where another operator has already been licensed to have regard to the fact that they will have incurred very substantial expenses in providing facilities."

By bringing in a second operator "you are undoubtedly likely to cause economic problems for existing users", he said.

Even if BA appealed through the normal channels to Mr King, this would not clear up the point of law at issue and would result in continued uncertainty, Mr Scott added.

BA says the new BMA shuttle would take away more than one-third of its passengers, turn its shuttle network into loss and threaten the Belfast service with closure. BMA has already taken one-third of the state airline's customers on the Edinburgh and Glasgow shuttles while Dan-Air is proposing to operate a shuttle between London and Manchester.

The judge yesterday described the application as of "undoubted urgency" and "importance, both commercially and to the travelling public."



Safety home: Mrs Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, seen yesterday after being reunited with Mr Henry Meenan, her father, in Belfast.

Kidnap wife freed as tactics change against informers

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The republican paramilitaries' attempt to force informants to retract evidence by kidnapping their relatives appears to be failing with the release yesterday of Mrs Elizabeth Kirkpatrick amid speculation that the only remaining hostage will be freed this weekend.

Mrs Kirkpatrick reappeared in circumstances as bizarre as her abduction almost four months ago by the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army (IRA) and without Mr Henry Kirkpatrick, her husband, apparently agreeing to retract evidence implicating 18 people in terrorist crimes.

If Mr Patrick Gilmour, who was taken from his home in Londonderry nine months ago by the Provisional IRA in a bid to stop his son giving evidence, is released this weekend, it will coincide with a new direction in the republican movement's "anti-informer" campaign.

Tomorrow a meeting will be held in west Belfast to launch a movement which will involve mass street demonstrations similar to the anti-H block protests three years ago.

Committees will be formed of relatives of people charged on the evidence of informers and support will be sought from international jurists, the legal profession and political groups, who will lobby all sections of opinion against the use of informers.

But certain groups and people would have been embarrassed to support a campaign while people were being kidnapped.

Father Denis Paul, who played an important role in securing Mrs Kirkpatrick's release, said: "I am very opposed to supergrass, which is a further perversion of the rather bad legal system, but people can say little about it when people are being kidnapped. I hope Mr Gilmour will be released this weekend."

The release of Mrs Kirkpatrick, aged 27, ended a 105-day ordeal for her family, and came eight days after her husband's stepfather and half sister, who were also kidnapped and threatened with execution by INLA, were freed when Irish

police raided a house in County Down.

But the details of her abduction, where she was held and how she came to be found by Father Paul, who drove her home, are not known. Nor is the reason why the terrorists decided to release her unharmed having threatened to kill her.

It is thought, however, that there were internal divisions within INLA over her. Once it became apparent that nothing would make Mr Kirkpatrick, who is serving five life sentences for murder, retract his statements, INLA decided to cut its losses, especially as the cost in manpower and money of holding someone is high.

The RUC interviewed Mrs Kirkpatrick, whose long blonde hair was shown by her captors to make her less easily recognizable about her abduction, although she herself had made no complaint to the police.

Mrs Kirkpatrick said of the captors, who she said had always treated her well during days when all she read was love stories: "I would not identify them. I would be too scared for my life."

Mrs Kirkpatrick claimed that she had no idea where she had been held or taken.

She had never made conversation with her captors and although she was given everything she asked for she lost half a stone during her captivity.

When her husband's stepfather and half sister were freed she became really frightened. "I thought I would be shot. I think they released me because it seemed to them that Harry was going to do nothing. He did not give a damn about me so it was not going to hurt them to release me."

She does not think her husband will retract his evidence. With a nun standing near by, Mrs Kirkpatrick, one of 10 children and from a strongly Roman Catholic family, said: "I will file for divorce if he does not retract. If he does I will try to make a go of it but he has betrayed me."

Doctors given warning on missing wife

By Rosemary Smith

Dr Robert Jones and the police detective who is leading the hunt to find his wife, Mrs Diane Jones, have appealed to the medical profession to contact the police if she seeks treatment.

Any doctor who responds to the appeal could be disciplined by the British Medical Association. A spokesman said last night: "The B.M.A. does not want to warn doctors not to inform the police. Our standing ethical guidelines are that in general we advise doctors only to break confidence if they have an overriding duty to society, for example in the Yorkshire tipper case."

"Where a person has simply left home and doctors are told to look out for it is not the doctor's job to inform the police. Doctors may try and persuade the person to make contact, but people must feel that if they need medical treatment they can get help in confidence."

Dr Jones, who is going to Canada on a three-week holiday this weekend, made his appeal through the medical journal *Doctors*.

In his first appeal since his wife vanished five weeks ago, Dr Jones, aged 40, said: "Doctors should contact the police if they know something. I believe my wife does not want to be found. But she may have approached a GP somewhere, though it is more likely she will want tranquillity than anti-natal care."

Det Supt Michael Ainsley, who is leading the search for Mrs Jones, also appealed in the journal for doctors to contact him if Mrs Jones approached them for treatment.

Mrs Jones disappeared on July 23 after returning home with her husband from a public house in Coggeshall, Essex.

Private telephone system for Kodak

By John Lawless

Work on the installation of Britain's first private national telephone network began this month when Kodak set up exchanges at six of its offices.

"Our four sales centres, at Glasgow, Manchester, Birmingham and Bristol, have had the equipment installed," a spokesman for the photographic supplies company said yesterday, "as have the chemical division at Kirby, Liverpool, and our northern distribution centre at Manchester."

"Our main distribution centre at Hemel Hempstead (Hertfordshire) will join the new system next month, and a total of 13 sites will be linked by August 1984."

The Kodak system is the first to be commissioned since the Government ended British Telecom's monopoly over the telephone networks.

Telephone Rentals - which is leasing the equipment, supplied by Plessey, under a 10-year contract at £500,000 a year - said yesterday that it has signed a comparable deal with National Westminster Bank.

That will also link 13 of the bank's main offices throughout the country, but with the equipment being bought outright for £2.5m.

When Kodak's system is fully operational, 250,000 calls will be made each week between 5,000 telephone sets distributed throughout the country.

Only one extension is required for each desk, though, because the same equipment

will be used to link into British Telecom's national and international networks. Those are the only calls Kodak will pay for.

Kodak is making no guesses about how much it will save on telephone calls.

Its demand for information-switching capacity is growing so fast that it has specified a system that can send computer data from one centre to another (using high-speed Megastream II lines rented from British Telecom to form private circuits, capable of carrying 64,000 bits per second).

However, Kodak, which receives 60 per cent of its orders over the telephone, says the most important benefit will be to customers. "In future," said the spokesman, "they will face minimal or no delays. The system will also assist in the processing of orders and stock control."

For employees, dialling is much easier. "In fact, the system is completely digital, with an integrated numbering scheme." Telephone Rentals said. "That means that all you have to do is press three numbers on a key-pad for a person's desk, and a fourth identifying their office location."

The Telephone Rentals system is in no way a competitor to Mercury, which is challenging British Telecom as an independent provider of lines to important cities and towns.

Jobs offer ends yard dispute

Highland Fabricators management says production will resume on Monday at the oil platform yard at Nigg near Inverness. The company has offered 1,600 of the 2,000 men dismissed last week in an unofficial dispute over the withdrawal of free orange juice supplied during hot weather.

However, shop stewards at the yard say a mass picket will seek to turn back any workers accepting the management's offer of jobs.

The company initially planned to resume working tomorrow night but transport difficulties have forced the cancellation of the Sunday shift.

Management officials have been recruiting men at several job centres throughout the week. By Thursday, more than 400 had signed up and there was "considerable activity" at offices yesterday, a management spokesman claimed.

Only workers selected "on merit" have been offered their jobs back under new agreements that include the loss of free transport to and from work and shower facilities during working hours.

In return, the men have been promised a 4.5 per cent pay rise next year. The management says the new terms will save the company £1.4m a year.

However, officials of the unions involved, the engineers', the electricians' and the boiler-makers', have backed the men's insistence that all 2,000 workers must be rehired. The dispute remains unofficial, but recommendations to back the men will go before union executive meetings next week.

Mr Rab Wilson, convenor at the yard, said: "There will be no production on Monday because the lads have made a decision and we will make sure anyone who turns up will not enter the yard. The only way production will re-start is when we all go back."

Management, who say the terms for a return are not negotiable, held inconclusive meetings with union officials on Wednesday. Further meetings are scheduled for Friday in London.

Highland Fabricators is one year behind with a platform order for Conoco's Hutton Field.

A building programme for accommodation for crews and their families of Type-42 destroyers to be based at Rosyth is expected to provide many jobs.

Heffer warning on 'mole' witch-hunt

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Eric Heffer, the hard-left candidate for Labour's leadership, yesterday warned party members against the wave of attacks on Trotskyist "moles" in the Labour Party.

He said in a letter to party members that calls for witch-hunts against "so-called Reds" in industry and in the Labour Party smacked of McCarthyism. "Certainly, we in Britain have not got to that stage yet", he said, "but the danger signs are there and this is the time for all true democrats to say enough is enough, before it is too late and the atmosphere develops into one of hysteria."

Mr Heffer pointed to the latest episode, in which some newspapers had attempted to undermine the party with reports of 1,000 "moles" infiltrating the Labour ranks.

He said: "As a socialist I have my adult life, over the years I have read in certain newspapers that the Labour Party was being infiltrated, that the constituency Labour parties were communist-dominated, or Trotskyist-influenced, and that a takeover was about to take place. I warn party members that the statements being made today about moles are designed to damage the party and stop us from winning power at the next election.

"They are designed to frighten the people by painting a picture that bears no relation to the real situation."

But Mr Heffer added: "It is a long tradition that groups within the wider movement argue their case. Sometimes their arguments win the majority support, usually they do not."

He said that the party must strongly resist any attempt to undermine the tradition of argument within the party.

Labour Herald, the weekly newspaper which numbers Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, as one of its editors, attacked Mr Michael Meacher, the hard-left candidate for the party deputy leadership, for suggesting that the expulsion of Militant Tendency leaders might be allowed to stand.

The paper said in yesterday's editorial: "The left cannot afford to duck the issue. It must campaign for the reinstatement of the expelled members of Militant. So should Michael Meacher."

Hides found in hunt for rapist

Police searching woodlands in south London for a double rapist have unearthed an underground hideout which was probably used by the wanted man.

Det Supt Geoffrey Cooper, who is leading the hunt, said that the 14ft chamber was built with "military-style precision". It contained a single mattress, food, drink and even an air freshener. It was found when 150 officers searched the wood at Upper Belvedere, Bexley, the scene of two rapes in recent weeks.

A woman aged 33, was raped in front of her son, aged three, in broad daylight in the woods a week ago and a girl, aged 16, was raped 100 yards from the spot last month.

Officers from the Special Patrol Group, mounted police and dog handlers joined the search which unearthed the tunnel, and a second, smaller hideout.

Police Constable Clifford Thomas discovered the tunnel when he heard a metallic noise while looking beneath a holly tree.

He brushed aside leaves and branches and found a piece of rusted corrugated iron which concealed a black door, bearing the number 122 and opening into the tunnel. The hideout was about 3ft deep and just long enough for the single mattress. It was littered with empty beer cans and plastic carrier bags. Clothes found near by are being analysed by forensic scientists.

Det Supt Cooper said that the hideout could only have been constructed by someone with a military training. The hideout was of "SAS standard". "We would never have found the hides but for the blanket search of the woods", Mr Cooper said.

The man is described as 5ft 8in tall, aged about 25, with short graying hair. He was wearing blue jeans and white shoes at the time of the second attack, and had an earring in his right ear.

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Holiday trading stamps may step up garage price war

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Trading stamps are to return to garage forecourts, at a time when the big oil companies are reviewing their marketing and pricing policy. Anglo Petroleum, which has 400 filling stations in Wales and the West Country, are to give Holiday Stamps with petrol. The stamps can be redeemed only against package holidays offered by travel agents and companies that belong to the Association of British Travel Agents. The stamps can be used for British-based and foreign holidays and the average family motorist should be able to collect enough stamps to obtain £8 discount on a package holiday within 10 to 15 weeks. Motorists will receive the stamps at between 1 and 3 per cent of the retail price of the goods they buy, depending on the contract price agreed between the petrol company and Holiday Stamps. However, if other petrol chains adopt stamps, though

Comedian and wife clash over children

A courtroom battle erupted yesterday between the Scottish comedian, Billy Connolly and his estranged wife Iris over the custody of their two children. Allegations were made by lawyers for each side at the court of session in Edinburgh where Mrs Connolly, 36, applied for interim custody of their son Jamie, aged 13 and their daughter Cara, aged nine. The comedian's lawyer accused Mrs Connolly of being unfit to look after the children because of her heavy drinking, her associations with other men and the "disgusting state" of her house. In turn, her agent claimed that Mr Connolly had spent three weeks in a monastery recovering from a drink problem last year. Lord Robertson said that although the allegations made in court were serious, none of them had been put before the court in the divorce action. He made no order, and gave each side seven days to put their allegations in writing. In the meantime the children will remain in London with their father who lives with the entertainer, Miss Pamela Stephenson. Mr Connolly was not represented in court at the start of the case and Lord Robertson said that he would grant the motion for interim custody. Seconds later Mr Charles Boag-Thomson, QC, appeared to oppose the move and the case went ahead. Mr Boag-Thomson alleged that Mr Connolly was a wholly unsuitable person to have custody. "The position is that over a period of years this woman as taken to drinking to excess, being in a state of intoxication on numerous occasions during the day to an extent whereby the children have not been properly looked



Mr Connolly (right) with his lawyer, Mr Len Murray, yesterday

Drink-drive detective dismissed

A detective who escaped a driving ban after claiming he had been drinking under orders when he crashed his car was dismissed yesterday. Det Constable Wyn Dunn, aged 39, was required to resign under the police discipline code after appearing before the Chief Constable of North Wales at Colwyn Bay. The North Wales force is appealing against the decision of Mold magistrates not to ban Mr Dunn from driving when he was convicted of a drink-driving offence a month ago. It will ask the High Court if it was correct in law. Mr Dunn was given a breath test after his unmarked police car hit a lamp post on the main coast road at Bagillt, Clwyd, in May. When he appeared before the magistrates he escaped a driving ban because of what were described as exceptional circumstances surrounding the case. He was fined £120. His solicitor told the court that Mr Dunn had been chosen because of his devotion to duty to take part in a special undercover operation in North Wales. Part of his brief was to drink and socialize in public houses and clubs in an attempt to get information. The chairman of the magistrates, Mr Charles Quant, said special duties had put Mr Dunn at risk of drinking beyond the legal limit and he should not be disqualified.

Power line avoids bees

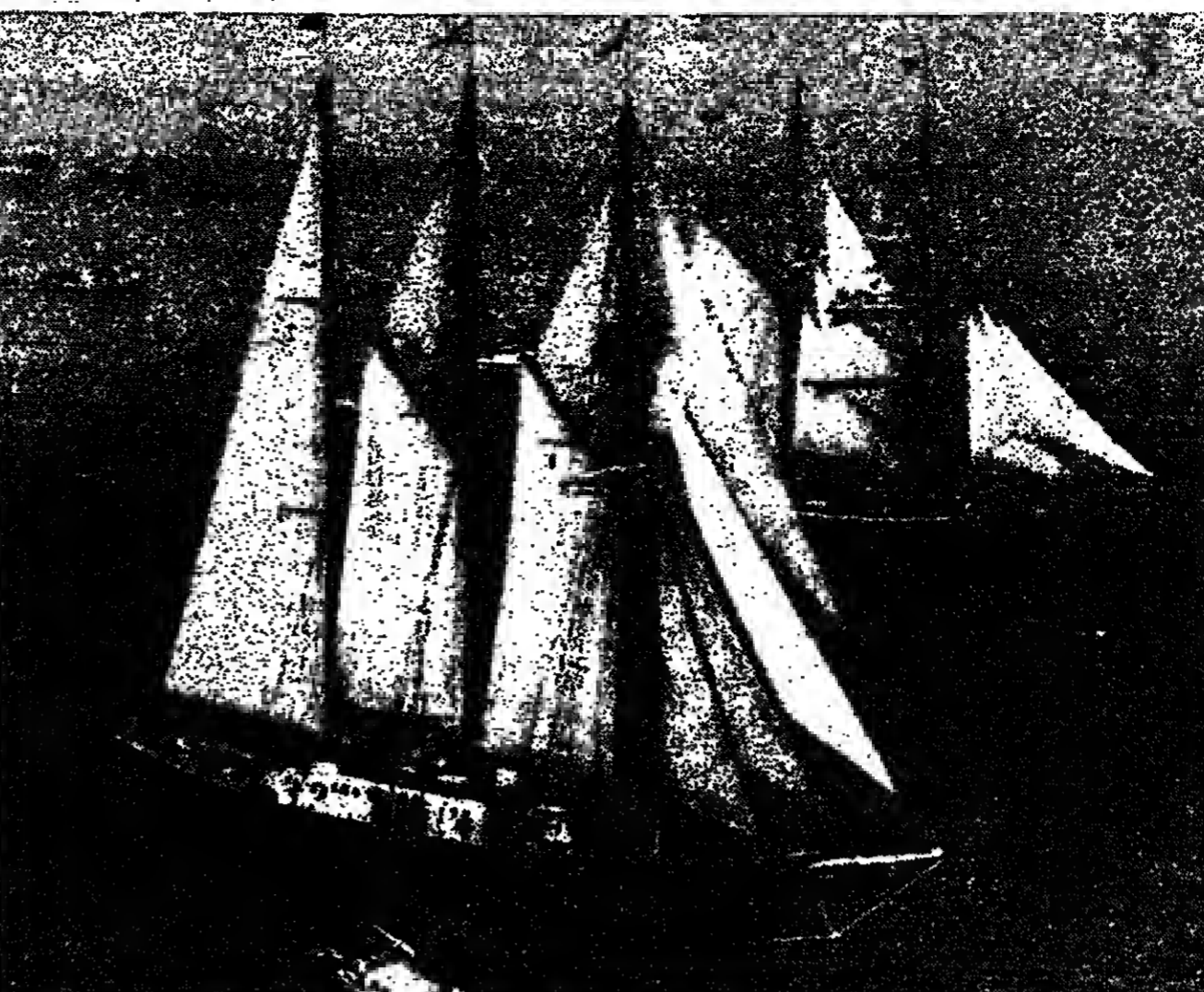
A £6,000-volt electricity supply line is being diverted around a beehive owned by Mr Albert Hooper, aged 72, to avoid disturbing the insects. He had complained about Midlands Electricity Board plans to site a pole near his beehive at Chadwick Bank, near Sturport-on-Severn, Hereford and Worcester. The board said the pole would be sited on a line which was 200 ft from the beehive. Mr Hooper said the pole would be sited on a line which was 200 ft from the beehive. The board said the pole would be sited on a line which was 200 ft from the beehive.

Compulsive car thief told to talk to psychiatrist

A man described in court as a compulsive car thief was yesterday ordered to talk about his crimes with a psychiatrist. David Crismon was shown a recorder which he wants to steal. It is believed to be the first time such treatment has been ordered for an offender, the court heard. Crismon, aged 27, was caught trying to steal an off-duty policeman's car in Hyde Park last April. It was stated at Southwark Crown Court that the recorder, Mr Colin Hart-Loverton, told him: "You cannot seem to keep your hands off other people's cars; you are a compulsive car thief with a vast record." "Normally I would send you to prison, but no sentence in the past has stopped you. I think this treatment would help. It is the first time it will be used to solve a criminal problem." He wished Dr Barry Brown, a psychiatrist, luck with the experiment. Crismon, of South Cromwell Road, south Kensington, west London, admitted attempted theft and was put on probation for a year on condition he sought help from Dr Brown. After the hearing, Dr Brown said: "This treatment will work by showing him a car, and talking to him about why he wants to steal it. It is called exposure with response prevention." He added that the treatment, which should be effective within two years, was widely used in psychiatry for compulsive problems.

'Sexist' lager firm barred from beer show

One of Britain's biggest breweries has been banned from taking part in the Great British Beer Festival in Birmingham next month because of a "sexist" promotion. The Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), which organizes the annual event, has ordered Watney Mann and Truman Brewery to stay away from the festival. The magazine reports an incident when a woman, being drunk, travelled at 35mph, 1,000 feet above the Lancashire countryside was confronted by two Buccaneer jets flying at 480mph. The glider pilot tilted his blue and yellow fabric wings at the jets to alert them and one of the Buccaneers broke away, having flown 70 feet over his head. The second jet passed only 300 feet away. The glider pilot tilted his blue and yellow fabric wings at the jets to alert them and one of the Buccaneers broke away, having flown 70 feet over his head. The second jet passed only 300 feet away. The glider pilot tilted his blue and yellow fabric wings at the jets to alert them and one of the Buccaneers broke away, having flown 70 feet over his head. The second jet passed only 300 feet away.



Tall story: The Sir Winston Churchill in the foreground in close company with a competitor at the start of the Tall Ships Race at Weymouth, Dorset yesterday

Sick baby died after 'slip of pen'

A four-day-old child with meningitis, died in hospital after receiving 12 times the normal dose of antibiotic because of a doctor's "slip of a pen", an inquest was told yesterday. Mrs Lorraine Jones, took her baby, Gemma, back to the Royal Berkshire Hospital at Reading 24 hours after arriving home from her confinement, and a doctor prescribed a 100mg dose of anti-biotics, four times the normal amount, because of her serious condition. However, a total of 900mg was administered in three doses over 16 hours. Instead of 300, and the child died the next day. Dr Heather Myscock told the inquest at Reading: "We were giving the maximum amount of the drug because of the seriousness of the illness and the high rate of mortality and risk of brain damage." She said her written instructions to the nurse said 300mg of the drug should be administered every eight hours instead of every 24, as they should have done. "It was a slip of the pen. That was a mistake. When I wrote that note, I had been on duty for 18 hours," Dr Myscock said. Dr Stephen Corder, a Home Office pathologist, said the child died from bacterial meningitis and an overdose of the antibiotic. Mrs Jones, a qualified nurse, of Skye Close, Reading, said: "I realized that Gemma was very ill but I was told that after she had been on the anti-biotics for a few days she would probably recover." The inquest jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Boy hangs while trying to scare sister

While apparently attempting to "play dead" Brian Thornton, aged 15, accidentally hanged himself at his home in Mary Deane Close, south London, Southwark Crown Court heard yesterday. His sister, Sharon Thornton, described as a "happy boy" who had ambitions to go to art school used to tie a scarf around his neck and put a blob of red ink at the corner of his mouth. On August 10, she discovered her brother hanging from his bedroom door suspended on a dog's lead 3in above the ground.

Hang glider pilots fear jet collision

RAF, who are informed whenever a hang gliding site becomes active. The danger is almost always from jets on low-flying missions from air stations further afield. They include British and American aircraft, and those from other nationalities. They practice low flying in areas that are legitimately used by hang gliding. He added: "There are occasions when jets fly blind over hillsides below the 250ft minimum. Hang gliders are not always easy to spot by a pilot travelling at high speed and all the ingredients are there for a serious and tragic accident." He said that a hang glider pilot could be killed if his aircraft were struck by the violent wake of a close-passing jet. The association resents the implication in some military statements. Mr Sean Abbott, editor of Wings, said: "These incidents have taken place in free airspace where hang gliders

Notting Hill clash youth jailed

Political activists had been behind a scheme to turn an area of Notting Hill in west London into a "no go area for police", a judge at the Central Criminal Court alleged yesterday. Judge Martin QC, spoke of incidents in All Saints Road, which some members of the local black community referred to as the "front line". He passed a sentence of 18 months youth custody on a youth who helped to make petrol bombs to throw at police. Anthony Francis, aged 18, unemployed, of St Mark's Road, Notting Hill, was convicted earlier of conspiring to injure police in All Saints Road last April. Four other men were cleared on the judge's direction for lack of evidence of identification. Judge Martin said that Francis had been drawn into the scheme by others of a "small minority" who lived in the area and wanted to turn All Saints Road into a "no go area for police". They had encouraged the crowd for their "criminal purposes and political motives". The judge told Francis: "You were helping to make petrol bombs to throw at police officers and people must realize

Council spending under control, leader says

From Arthur Osman, Leicester The chief executive of Leicestershire County Council yesterday sharply attacked the Government's proposals to limit rates and reform the rating system. Mr Samuel Jones, said: "It is totally impossible to accept that local government spending is out of control." He said increasingly rigorous controls imposed by Whitehall had prevented that. The council is controlled by Labour with the help of the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance. Mr Jones said: "With a few notable and well-publicized exceptions, authorities have headed government guidelines up to now, no matter how unrealistic Whitehall's targets might have been. It is difficult, therefore, to appreciate the need to place on the statute book a wide-ranging measure to crack a relatively small nut when the ultimate sanction of the ballot box remains available." Mr Jones said it would be folly not to recognize that the

Heart attack killed jailed drugs dealer

The post-mortem examination on Terence Sinclair, the New Zealand drugs dealer who died at Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight on August 12, revealed that he suffered a massive heart attack. Sinclair, who was serving a life sentence, died a few days after he said he would reveal names and alleged connections between money from drug trafficking and the IRA arms purchasing fund. The examination, the second to be carried out, was conducted at the request of the New Zealand government. Tests on the first examination, by the Isle of Wight Coroner, are expected to confirm the findings. Sailing again The oldest racing yacht in England was relaunched at Portsmouth yesterday after two years of restoration work. The 27-foot "Sorella" was built in 1885 at Tipton, Hampshire.

Grocers to plan bread price 'raids'

Street corner grocers are planning to buy cheap loaves from supermarkets and then resell them for the same price in their own shops, as retaliation in a price war. The grocers claim they are being forced to subsidize the massive discounts which supermarket chains demand from bakeries and which allow them to sell a white sliced loaf for as little as 28p while corner shop customers can pay as much as 42p. Independent grocers have to pay up to 10p more per loaf wholesale than the big chains. The protest is being organized by the magazine Independent Grocer, which claims that 500 shopkeepers have already responded to the plan. The magazine's assistant editor, Jenny Campbell said yesterday that "area commanders" were being appointed to plan the action. The date would be kept secret, but would probably be in mid-September. Shopkeepers would put notices in their windows explaining why they were able to sell bread cheaply on the day. "The multiple supermarkets have muscle power which allows them to dictate the terms under which they will buy from the bakeries, who can hardly refuse to accept as they won't lose volume sales", she said. The projected protest is receiving some support from the cash-and-carry wholesale sector. Mr Peter Martin, a cash-and-carry store owner in North Wales, said yesterday his bread supplies had been cut off after he started selling loaves from one bakery group at 28p - below his cost price. They were only resumed when he agreed to put the price back to between 31 and 32p. "It's unfair", he said. "Similar loaves are being sold by supermarkets in the area at 28 1/2 to 29p. They are telling me I cannot sell at the price I want." Mr Martin said he would protest to the Office of Fair Trading.

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Greenham evictions possible

By Nicholas Timmins Women peace campaigners at the Greenham Common cruise missile site in Berkshire expect an eviction attempt on their main camp today after bailiffs under police protection dismantled a smaller camp on local council land last night. "We know they are coming tomorrow as they told us so," one of the women outside the US Air Force base said. The camp was later moved to Department of Transport land. The women were taken by surprise as the bailiffs began clearing their Newbury District Council's new policy to remove "squatters". The protesters loaded up as many things as they could save and moved to a "safe house". One woman said there had been many police at the camp but there had been no arrests. The chief executive of the council, Mr Brian Theford, said that no personal belongings were being removed. Newbury District Council is to decide next week whether to try again to evict members of the main Greenham Common peace camp after intensifying its efforts against satellite camps around the cruise missile base. Mr Brian Theford, chief executive of the council, acknowledged yesterday that "we will never secure the total removal of it while part of it is on Department of Transport land" but he added: "If the district council is seen to be taking positive action then sooner or later the Department of Transport might feel equally courageous and remove the from their land." The Department of Transport land is to be used for widening the entrance to the base in order to accommodate the 22-vehicle cruise missile convoys, the first of which is expected to be operational in December. However, Mr Theford said he did not expect work to start on the road-widening project until November or December at the earliest, and the department says it has no plans at present to repossess the land. The council's main action recently has been aimed at evictions of camps at other sites. "There has been a noticeable change in the sort of people coming to the camps in the last two or three weeks. There was a foreign visitor who brought dysentery, some hippy types arrived from South Wales and one had their baby removed because the social services people were concerned, and there have been some skin-heads", Mr Theford said.

Court time wasted, judge says

A judge yesterday criticized the time wasted in bringing a minor case to the Central Criminal Court in London while prisoners were crowded with people waiting trial on more serious charges. Judge Hazan's comments came after the discovery that a trial listed for the court involved a man who allegedly fraudulently used a small amount of electricity. The man, whose name was not disclosed, had denied the charge and elected to go for trial. He was due to appear at Acton Crown Court in West London. He failed to turn up yesterday, and the prosecution applied for a warrant to arrest him. The judge granted it. Judge Hazan said: "The last thing I want is that remand prisons, which are filled to overflowing, should have remanded in custody someone who is charged with fraudulent extraction of electricity."

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Leftist talk on parrots

Nine out of ten parrots are left footed in the same way that most people were right handed.

Slow monitoring blamed for drug disasters

The slowness of the Government's system of monitoring harmful new drugs was to blame for some medical disasters, rather than pharmaceutical industry mistakes.

Reports by Pearce Wright and Clive Cookson

In principle, there was no way that a government could anticipate the next calamity; it was much more likely the scientists in industry might be able to predict possible hazards.

The Government's measures to monitor adverse reaction, using the system of "yellow cards" filled in by doctors to record such reactions, was too slow for monitoring purposes.

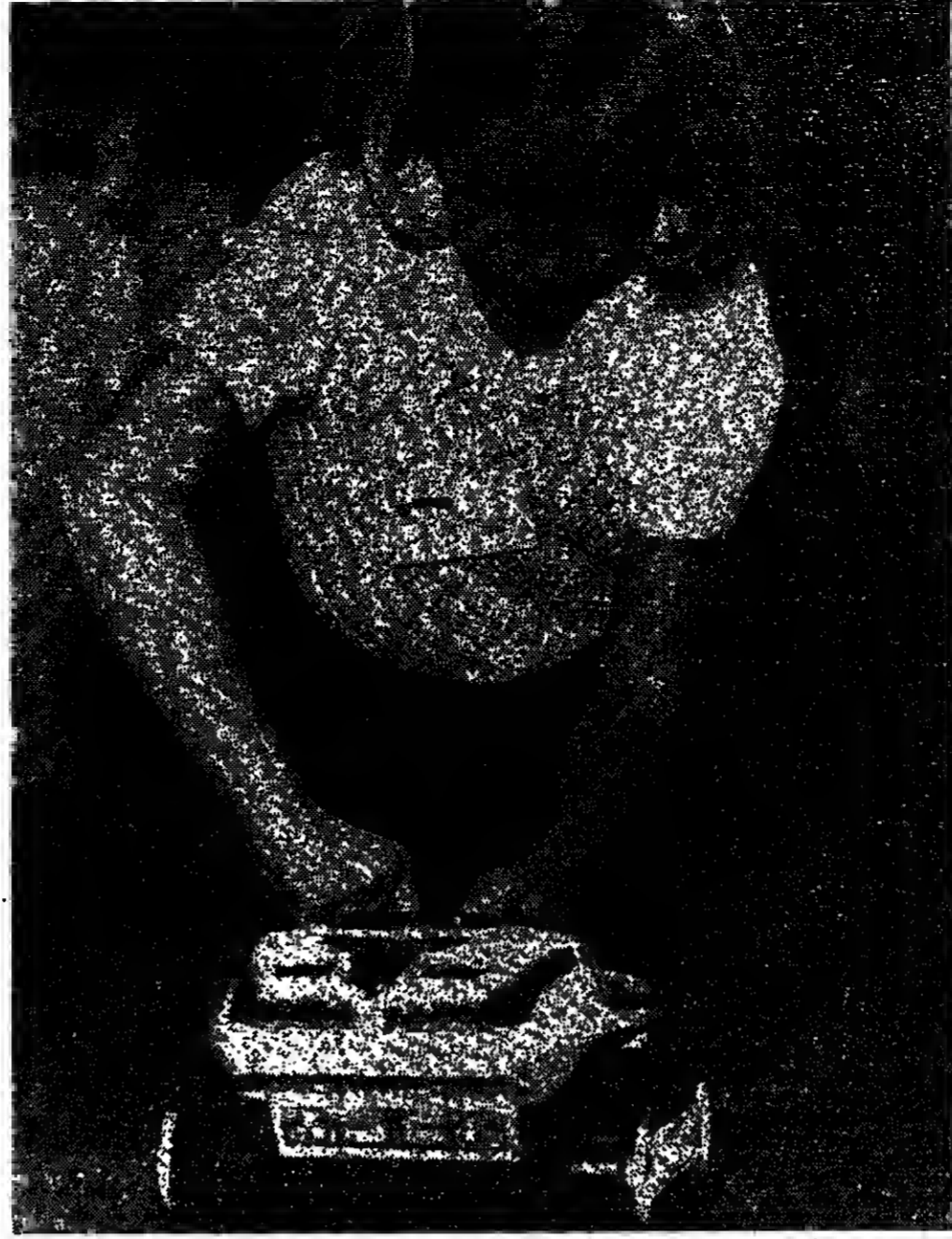
Clinical trials, even when they involved thousands of patients, could not detect adverse effects which might happen with a probability of one in ten thousand or less, he said.

Nor would clinical trials necessarily point to adverse effects which happened only within a small sub-group of the population: he cited as typical sub-groups those affected by thalidomide and hexachlorocyclopentadiene.

With about twenty new pharmaceutical compounds marketed each year it would mean monitoring about two million patients a year if a risk of an adverse effect of one in 10,000 was to be detected.

PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT DISASTERS IN REVIEW

Table with 5 columns: Year, Preparation, Country, Deaths, Permanent injuries



Kid's stuff: A girl programmes a computerized toy at the popular Micro-Computer Workshop at the British Association conference...

Aid for developing countries defended

"If I were a natural scientist one of the problems I would like to investigate is why a wasp will climb into a jam jar when several of its fellows are already there, lying dead."

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Why fire alarms are ignored

Most people have learnt to associate fire alarms with tests, drills or faults in the system. Thus, they often ignore an alarm bell or siren when the building needs to be evacuated.

Helping plants to tap nitrogen

One of the greatest achievements of genetic engineering would be to give crop plants such as wheat the ability to fix their own nitrogen from the air.

Learning from swans in top gear

What is the largest sized bird that might fly? The answer, according to Professor Michael French, Professor of Engineering at Lancaster University, is a four-winged bird.

Animal test ban 'disastrous'

A total ban on animal experiments would be disastrous for medical research, Dr John Bademick, a doctor at the Department of Health and Social Security, told the association.

Japan says Russian military build-up poses threat to Asia

Japan must improve its defence and cooperate more closely with the West to counter a Soviet military build-up to Asia, according to a defence White Paper endorsed by the Cabinet yesterday.

Defending the sea lanes

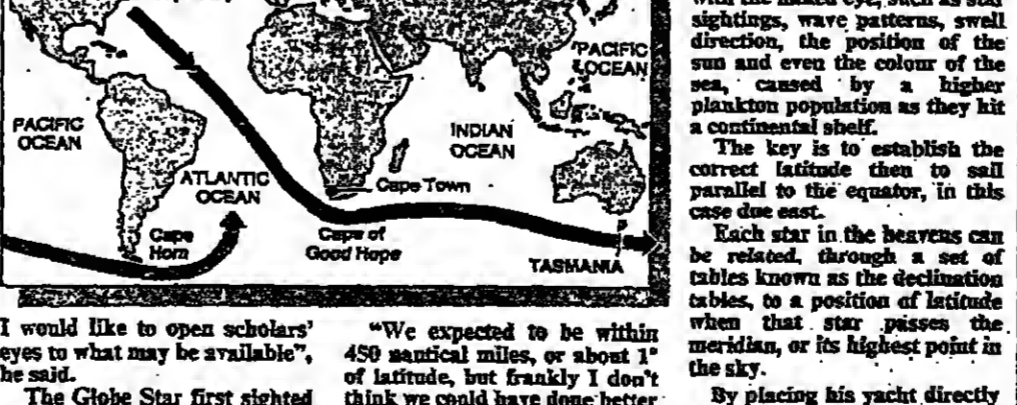
providing protection for sea lanes of communication within a radius of several hundred miles and, in the case of an armed attack on Japan, protecting sea routes for about 1,000 nautical miles.

Star-gazing sailor who travels hopefully

While the eyes of the yachting world are on the America's Cup extravaganza, a remarkable sea voyage is under way on the other side of the world.



Time-and-motion: Professor Creamer has only an hourglass to change watch by.



Sick Germans grit teeth and work on

Unemployment is good for your health. Or rather, the fear of unemployment forces many people who feel unwell to stay at work instead of registering as sick.

Analysts blamed stress, loss of motivation at work, fear of change, monotony, lack of challenge, and frustration.

Indian mediator works for Sri Lanka peace

Prospects of a negotiated settlement between the Sri Lankan Government and Tamil leaders improved yesterday after the first round of discussions between President Jayawardene and Mr Gopalawamy Parthasarathy, the Indian special envoy.

Exiled writer stripped of citizenship

MOSCOW (NYT) - Georgi Vladimirov, the dissident writer who left under pressure for the West last spring, has been stripped of his citizenship by the Soviet Government.

Vatican bankers' assets to be seized

No order has been made against Mgr Paul Marcinkus, the controversial American archbishop whom the Pope has retained as chairman of the bank, as he is understood to have no assets in Italy.

China offers assistance to Macao

Peking (Reuters) - The governor of China's Guangdong province has promised to support all projects that will help Macao's stability and prosperity, the New China news agency reported yesterday.

Green light for donor egg process

Melbourne (Reuters) - Australia's leading test-tube baby team has been given approval by an ethics committee to go ahead with a new process involving the transfer of eggs between women.

Unemployment bends the charts

Unemployment is good for your health. Or rather, the fear of unemployment forces many people who feel unwell to stay at work instead of registering as sick.

Congress study shows that Reagan cuts have hit poor hardest

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The brunt of President Reagan's cuts in welfare and other domestic spending will be borne by families earning less than \$10,000 (\$6,600) a year, an income that is typical in the big-city ghettos.

The findings result from the most intensive study carried out by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) on the subject. Some of the statistics are startling. For example, 70 per cent of the main domestic benefit programmes will affect households with a total income of \$20,000 and less.

In the 1985 fiscal year the loss to those families will average \$415, whereas higher-income families will lose only \$175. The losses are across the board of benefit programmes - retirement and disability payments, unemployment pay, housing, child nutrition support, health care, education, social services and job training. The findings are acutely embarrassing the Administration.

Martin Luther King rally

Squabbles threaten civil rights dream

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

Scores of thousands are expected to descend on Washington today for the twentieth anniversary of Martin Luther King's historic "I have a dream" rally. Saturday, in atmosphere and content it will be a different occasion from the one in 1963, when the civil rights movement marched under a single, united banner.

Several groups, particularly those pursuing Jewish interests, will be absent - a reflection of how the civil rights movement has fragmented into an array of sectional and often opposing interests.

For weeks the organizers have been agonizing over the wording of a paper on foreign policy. The fact that there is a foreign policy paper at all reflects the different character of the rally from 1963, when the issues were simple, few and indigenous: jobs and civil rights.

The final wording of the paper has alienated many Jewish groups, who see it as anti-Israel. It has also served to put a formal stamp on the new character of civil rights activism in America, a movement with many faces, most of them looking beyond the traditional issues that brought 250,000 protesters to Washington 20 years ago.

The National Urban League, the biggest black welfare organization in America, will not officially march on Saturday. "We believe the focus on a broad range of issues is likely to limit the impact (of the march)," it said. "We cannot justify the strain on our limited staff and resources that participation would entail."

A host of Jewish organizations - all prominent on the streets of Washington in 1963 - will not be present because of a passage in the foreign policy paper that declares opposition to the militarization of internal conflicts, often abetted and even encouraged by massive US arms exports, in areas of the world, such as the Middle East and Central America.

Word has seeped out that the phraseology was decided in consultation with the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, thus further antagonizing many Jewish groups.

Mrs Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King, signed a letter to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations stating: "We intend to highlight in our legislative and official policy statements the goal of peace. We will not articulate a specific strategy for achieving it."

In a further attempt to shore up flagging Jewish support, the organizers of the officially titled "March on Washington" said they would publicly disavow any antisemitic or anti-Israel statements that might be made on Saturday.

They also promised to instruct parade marshals to screen placards and banners to ensure that they were to the general theme of "jobs, peace and freedom."

The American Jewish Committee, among other organizations, was not satisfied by the reassurances. Mr Hyman Bookbinder, its Washington representative, said: "The organizers made a serious mistake when they moved away from the 1963 civil rights goals into complicated foreign policy questions." He claimed that the policy statements of the march were too pro-Third World and anti-American.

The American labour movement, too, is lukewarm about the march. The AFL-CIO will be officially present but it has not proposed any special effort to get trade unionists on to the streets.

Even so the march organizers hope that 200,000 people will assemble in the mall in front of the Washington monument for the short walk to the Lincoln Memorial. So far 715 national organizations and 30 international groups have declared support and more than 2,600 buses have been booked from all corners of the country.

Martin Luther King: Followers divided

Thais score successes in war on drug rings

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Thailand, intensifying its war against narcotics, is seizing twice as much heroin this year as it did in 1982, according to Major-General Chavalit Yodmanee, Secretary-General of the Narcotics Control Board.

He said 600 kilograms (1,323 lb) of heroin was confiscated in the first seven months of this year. This equaled the amount seized during the whole of last year. About 520 people were being arrested every week in 500 separate drug-related cases.

The seizure of 600 kilograms of heroin is significant because it represents nearly 20 per cent of Thailand's opium crop which amounted to 35 tons at the last harvest. Ten tons of opium are required to make one ton of heroin.

The bulk of the Golden Triangle opium is grown in Burma with the third side of the triangle, Laos, providing about 70 tons a year.

Thailand's anti-narcotics campaign shifted into top gear about 20 months ago. Its success may be explained by a remark by Mr Maurice Tanner, the senior American narcotics officer in Thailand: "I am happy," he said, "when I pick up my paper and see they have arrested a police officer or Army man with narcotics. That hardly happens until recently. Now they are going after them."

Last month they arrested a Singaporean alleged to be a key figure in a drugs ring stretching from South-east Asia to Europe and Australia.

When Khun Sa's men began to reestablish themselves recently on Thai territory, Thailand launched three separate assaults against the new bases, and in the past three weeks have seized two large heroin refineries, extensive living quarters, storerooms and supplies.

Americans return to the gas guzzler

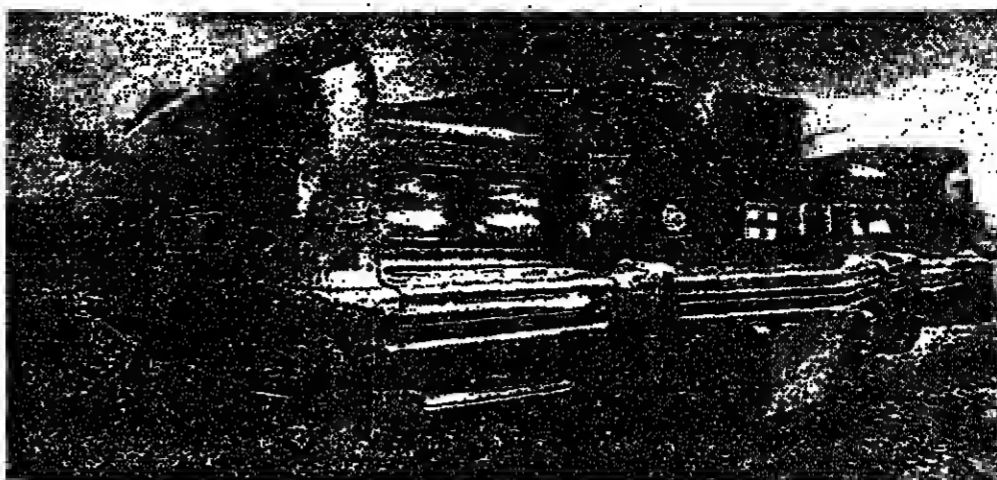
From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Out of the shadows of shame the big American car is emerging again into the sunlight of popular approval. After being put behind the wheels of smaller cars by the 1970s oil crisis and the skill of foreign car makers, Americans are returning in their thousands to their true love: the big, fat, plush, squabby gas-guzzler, the traditional and ever present prop of the American stage.

Suddenly there are smiles again in Detroit, the automobile capital. Manufacturers cannot produce limousines fast enough to meet demand. Car sales are the best for four years, and sales of large cars in July were up by a third compared with the same month last year. Ford, Chrysler and General Motors are expected to make \$3.3 billion net profit this year, roughly what they lost in 1980-1982.

With optimism running high, it cannot be long before Motown businessmen revive the grace once bestowed on the businessmen's lunch a few years ago: "Almighty God, we thank thee for the wheel, for the person who made it into a vehicle, for those who produce it, and bless us who use it. Amen."

The immediate cause of the



Motown's delight: The big, plush roadliner is fashionable again.

resurgence of the big car is the fall in the cost of petrol, to about 92p a gallon, and the fact that better engine design enables even the largest roadliners to consume less than they used to. More Americans feel that they can return to large cars without feeling that the conservationists are frowning on them.

Americans have always liked owning big cars, symbols of the full and abundant life. From the dawn of the motor age the broad-shouldered car with a billiard-table bonnet and a howling-ally boot seemed an indispensable part of the American scene and dream, a keystone of culture, social intercourse and the American rite of courtship.

The oil crisis made Americans reconsider their relationship with cars, one of the momentous readjustments of

their history. On economists' orders, a people raised on big steaks and big cars found themselves having to buy smaller cars. Suddenly it seemed selfish and even unpatriotic to have a big car. And when people found that smaller American cars were not available or not good enough, foreign cars were there to meet the need.

Mr Ralph Nader, the American consumer activist, had already accused car manufacturers of putting profits and style before safety and quality, and safety legislation and foreign competition has led to a reform of ideas in the motor industry. For a long time American cars have not had a good reputation in respect of quality, and Detroit today is putting an emphasis on better design, engineering and finish. There is still a question-

mark over some American cars, however. The Government is suing General Motors to make them recall 1.1m cars with suspected brake defects. The Government alleges that the defects led to 15 deaths and that GM tried to cover up the facts.

The renewal of the American love affair with the big car is also, ironically, getting the manufacturers into trouble with the Government. Under fuel economy regulations, petrol consumption must average 26 miles per gallon. Makers are liable to a penalty of \$3.30 for each one-tenth of a mile per gallon by which they fail to meet the standard, multiplied by the number of cars they sell in a year. On this basis General Motors could face a fine of about \$266m this year, and Ford about \$106m.

Reagan trip to Manila opposed by Kennedy

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Senator Edward Kennedy has urged President Reagan to cancel his visit in the Philippines until the perpetrators of the murder of the Filipino opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, have been brought to justice.

The Massachusetts Democrat in a letter to the President, also said the United States should delay action on all aid and support to the Philippines until the government of President Marcos has "conducted a full, satisfactory and impartial investigation of the Aquino assassination and reported its findings to the United States Government."

He will urge other members of Congress to support his position when it reconvenes. President Reagan is due to visit Manila as part of an Asian tour in November. The White House has repeatedly emphasized that the Aquino assassination at Manila airport last Sunday has not changed President Reagan's plans.

The Reagan Administration has condemned the assassination and called for a thorough and objective investigation.

MANILA: Thousands of students rallied at two universities in protest against the Aquino assassination while a commission created to investigate the killing held its first working meeting (AP reports).

Major General Prospero Olivas, chief of the Manila Metropolitan Police, told a news conference that investigators had encountered only "blond leads" in trying to identify the alleged assassin who was killed by security officers.

He added that among many officers confined in quarters during the inquiry was Brigadier General Luther Custodio, head of airport security.

'I saw warders beat three prisoners to death'

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Warders in charge of a working party of black convicts beat three of them to death as they lay slumped over wheelbarrows crying for mercy in blazing heat, a court has been told.

Eight warders, four whites and four blacks, have pleaded not guilty to three charges of murder and 24 of assault with intent to do bodily harm at their trial at Witbank, in the eastern Transvaal.

Mr Andries Mtembu, serving five years for theft, said the temperature was about 35°C (95°F) when a party of 47 prisoners was escorted to a dam site at the Barberton prison.

"The warders told us we were going to work until the sweat and salt poured out," Mr Mtembu said.

He said three warders beat Robert Khumalo, one of the three who later died, until he collapsed beside his wheelbarrow.

Another of the men who died, Mhlakaza Xaba, was lying on the ground and moaning. "I'm dying."

Mr Mtembu said Xaba staggered to his feet and reeled away like a drunkard.

"This warder ran after Xaba and hit him on the back of the head. Xaba fell. The warder then put his foot on him and pulled him up by his left arm and hit him repeatedly."

Mr Mtembu told the court: "What I have said in my evidence is that I have seen three men being beaten to death."



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Police leave cancelled as Sind prepares for third week of violence

From Michael Hamlyn Karachi

All police leave has been cancelled in the troubled province of Sind as the Pakistani authorities prepare for a possible third week of violent demonstrations against the martial law regime of President Zia ul-Haq.

Yesterday, however, was the quietest day since the campaign of civil disobedience began on August 14, Independence Day. A number of individuals "courted arrest" in towns around the country; they appeared in the streets at a prearranged time, and started shouting slogans against the regime. The police led them away to overcrowded jails. But no major incidents were reported.

Outside the New Town mosque in Karachi, not far from the tomb of Iqbal, the founder of the nation — an eager crowd gathered after midday prayers yesterday, rather like a gathering after matins on a Christian Sunday.

As the worshippers poured out of the mosque with their lacy skullcaps in place, Mr Muhammad Sharif, a leader of the left-wing Sind People's Movement, stood on a car and waved a paper placard. He looked over his shoulder nervously and began to shout slogans like "Death to Zia", "Zia is a dog", and other remarks in breach of martial law.

Nothing happened. He looked over his shoulder again down the road to where a police detachment in steel helmets were swinging their lathis, and

Gandhi backs call for democracy

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, yesterday endorsed her Government's statement in support of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy in Pakistan (Our Delhi Correspondent writes).

She told a meeting of the Congress parliamentary party that the people of Pakistan had been struggling for democracy, of which they had only a brief spell.

"We are a democracy and shall ever be so. We have to oppose injustice everywhere. We want that there should be democracy everywhere", she said.

When such things happened in India's neighbourhood, we are moved because these have repercussions in our country. We just cannot keep our eyes closed".

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National Liberation Front, one of the eight banned parties forming the movement for the restoration of democracy that is organizing the civil disobedience campaign.

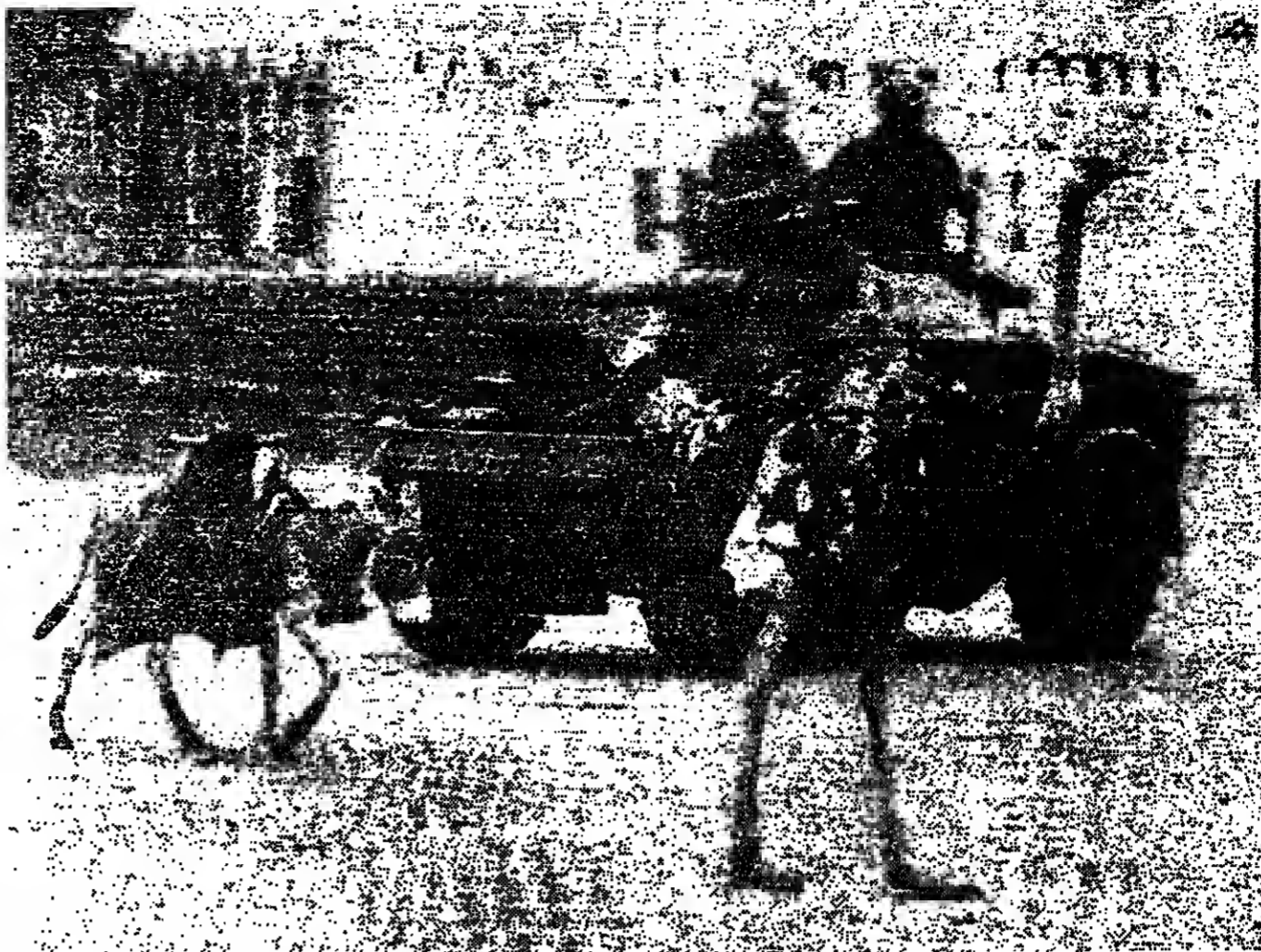
He too set off towards the police with his arms up in a Nixsonian V-sign. As the crowd again began to yell the police he waved them back. "No, no. This is a peaceful demonstration", he insisted. The policeman shook his hand and led him to the pick-up truck that drove him away with his hand still fixed in a V-sign.

At this stage earlier in the week the real business of the day would have begun with youngsters hurling missiles at the police and the police responding with tear gas.

There was a tense moment or two as the crowd, which had now grown to more than a thousand, hopped from one foot to another and wondered what to do next.

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Desert encounter: An unflappable ostrich and a donkey carrying water pass a French armoured car in Massakori, Chad, without showing any concern.

Chad envoy plays down his recall

From Diana Geddes Paris

Mr Ahmad Allam-Mi, Chad's Chargé d'Affaires in Paris, tried yesterday to dispel suspicion that his recall to Ndjamena was linked with Chad's disapproval of President Mitterrand's comments on the possible creation of a federation in Chad or his lack of support for a counter-offensive against the Libyan-backed rebels.

Mr Allam-Mi said his recall, which came immediately after the publication of M Mitterrand's interview on Chad in *Le Monde*, was for "regular consultations" with officials in Ndjamena, and had nothing to do with the French President's statement. He is due to leave Paris on Monday.

Earlier, he had expressed satisfaction that M Mitterrand had confirmed France's firm support for the Chad Government against the "Libyan aggressor". There was no dispute between France and President Hissene Habré; the misunderstandings had been cleared up, he insisted.

But sources in Ndjamena indicated that Chad government officials are concerned about President Mitterrand's strong hints that the French would not back a counter-offensive against the key town of Faya-Lageou, and about his proposal for a federation.

Ndjamena — M Charles Henni, the French Defence Minister, began an inspection tour yesterday of French paratroops facing Chad's Libyan-held northern desert. (AP reports).

Arab prisoners moved

Israelis find escape warren

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

In an effort to close off access to a warren of escape tunnels under the Arab prison camp at Ansar, South Lebanon, the Israeli Army has moved all 5,000 inmates, most of them Palestinians. They are being housed in a temporary compound while a permanent camp is built on higher ground nearby.

The Army's engineering corps are working around the clock to complete the new camp which has already started to take detainees. All are being held without trial by the Israelis, who have repeatedly refused to grant them prisoner-of-war status.

Confirming the evacuation of the original barbed-wire compound, built soon after the invasion in June last year, Israeli military sources told *The Times* that the new camp was needed to improve security and provide better winter conditions.

On Thursday night two Arab escapees who were part of a mass breakout earlier this month were shot dead when they opened fire on an Israeli roadblock in Lebanon's Chouf mountains and three others were injured. Three more Arabs in the two cars in the incident were also killed.

Although journalists are barred from visiting the new Ansar camp, I understand that the look of permanence comes from paved roads and butts for communal facilities.

The costly construction has added the impression that Israel is preparing for a long stay in south Lebanon after the imminent pull-back to the Awaili River.

The sources said a number of tunnels had been discovered under the evacuated compound, in which hundreds of tents were burnt down or torn to pieces in a riot last month. They also spoke of the severe difficulties facing Israeli guards as military grows among the PLO prisoners.

The indication of these problems came this week from a reservist who had just finished his term of duty at the camp. He wrote: "It is no longer clear who is whose prisoner".

The reservist, who claimed that the Israelis were losing control, added: "At night, you can clearly hear the sounds of underground tunnelling. All of Ansar is sitting on an underground tunnel system. Sometimes prisoners disappear and are found a few hours later, obviously having spent time in one of the underground caverns."

The military sources ac-

knowledge the difficulties but deny that control has been lost at Ansar. They argue that the guards would not have been able to supervise the transfer in the temporary camp if they had not been in control of the prisoners.

Mr Michael Ben-Meir, another reservist recently released from guard duty, has described how the prisoners dismantled handiwork kits and welded tent pegs on to their portable cooking stoves to make weapons. He told of Israeli guards being attacked with rocks and "cursed, spat and sworn at" by the inmates.

The original compound at Ansar, a hillside village near the town of Nabatya, was guarded from watchtowers equipped with heavy machine guns, surrounded by barbed wire, earthworks and a perimeter that carried mine warnings. No details of the extensive new security measures in the permanent camp have been disclosed.

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Gemayel pleads for unity when Israel pulls out

From Kate Douirian, Beirut

For those who remember the fiery speeches Mr Amin Gemayel, the Lebanese President, made at the UN last year and his moving addresses to the nation when he was a young Deputy, his televised speech on Thursday night was sobering. Wearing a dark suit, he faced the nation and appealed for help in his efforts to deploy the Lebanese Army in the troubled Chouf mountains.

No doubt his mood reflected the uncertainty the country is facing as the time for Israeli redeployment nears. As one left-wing newspaper, *As Saïr*, put it, Mr Gemayel personified the calm before the storm.

In his speech, the President said: "The hour of challenge is approaching", and called on his countrymen to support the Government's plan to deploy the Army in the Chouf mountains in the event of an Israeli pull-out.

"The Lebanese Army will enter the Chouf with the people and not against the people because it is the only alternative in the armies of division."

Mr Gemayel's speech contained no great revelations or truths, except perhaps his first admission that the country was closer to partition than the Government had previously cared to admit.

Not once did he mention the US or Lebanon's West European supporters, or emphasize — as he has done so many times

before — that the salvation of Lebanon would come through their support.

"You are the state and the state is you," Mr Gemayel said. "The new Lebanon will belong to all Lebanese without discrimination, hegemony or domination. There is no discrimination between one citizen or another..."

While setting the mind of the populace at ease by emphasizing that the Army would remain neutral if it entered the Chouf, where his father's Phalange militia are fighting the Druze, Mr Gemayel gave no indication that he was closer to an agreement to prevent a violent confrontation. The Druze have said that one will be inevitable if the Army goes in without some form of reconciliation.

If Mr Gemayel captured the heart or attention of the man in the street, it is doubtful whether he scored a similar success with his unpredictable opponents, although the general reaction yesterday was somewhat reassuring.

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150 held in Uruguay after protest

Montevideo (Reuters) — A call by Uruguay's political parties for people to remain indoors and darken their homes to show opposition to military rule turned into a noisy day of protest, with many arrests reported.

Witnesses said that at least 150 demonstrators were detained as they dispersed after a spontaneous rally in Montevideo on Thursday night at the end of the first day of protest called by all parties against the 10-year-old military government.

More than 2,000 demonstrators had earlier marched through the city after a day in which residents banged pots and pans to express their opposition.

Demonstrators made victory signs when they rallied on the square facing Government House and motorists sounded their horns in streets that had been nearly deserted for most of the day.

Lealties showered around the capital in recent days by political parties did not call for a march or pot-banging; the parties instead asked people to remain indoors for two hours before switching house lights off for 15 minutes.

The protest was organized by a last group comprising members of all parties, including outlawed left-wing groups, set up after the Government banned all public political activity and publication of political news on August 2.

The Government, however, reiterated its intention to hold elections in November 1984 and hand over power to a civilian administration in March, 1985.

The August 2 ban followed the breakdown of talks between the Government and politicians when the three legal parties — the Blanco, the Colorado and the small Civic Union — stormed out in protest against proposed constitutional reforms which, they said, would give the military sweeping powers of political repression.

Chile opposition insists that Pinochet resign

Santiago (Reuters) — Political parties trying to oust President Pinochet of Chile have told Señor Sergio Jarpa, the Interior Minister, that the President must resign.

But after their meeting, the demand did not appear in a list of eight measures which the Democratic Alliance said as soon as possible.

The meeting of this week at the residence of the Archbishop of Santiago, was held only hours after the Alliance called for a new day of protest on September 8 to back its call for a return to democracy in 18 months.

Señor Jarpa said only that the talks had been useful and interesting and that further meetings would be held.

But the representatives of the five parties in the Alliance reiterated their view that only big political changes, including the President's resignation, could prevent the dialogue with the Government from becoming sterile.

Demands made by the Alliance included an end to the state of emergency, the legalization of political parties, the passing of electoral law, the return of all exiles, and freedom of expression and assembly.

Nicaragua rebels step up campaign

Managua (NYT) — Insurgents fighting the Nicaraguan Government have stepped up their activity in the past week, mounting at least eight attacks over a wide area of northern Nicaragua and inflicting scores of casualties, according to government officials.

Nicaraguan diplomats say they believe that as many as 2,000 insurgents have entered Nicaragua from bases in Honduras this month. The Defence Ministry issued a statement on Thursday asserting that the country was facing a new escalation of aggression.

The Defence Minister, Commander Humberto Ortega, last weekend said that the military situation had become difficult. The insurgents are said to have received millions of dollars in covert aid from the United States.

This week's fighting, which followed several months of reduced activity by the insurgents, has extended throughout northern Nicaragua, according to Sandinista Government reports.

Earlier insurgent operations were concentrated to the western part of the country.

The appearance of hundreds of insurgents in the eastern province of Zelaya led Commander Ortega to speculate publicly that their goal was to seize Puerto Dabizas, an important port on the Caribbean coast.

He said the insurgents were seeking a place to establish a provisional government that would be recognized by the United States and its regional allies.

The insurgent campaign comes as the US is preparing to send as many as 6,000 troops to Honduras for manoeuvres expected to last up to six months.

Rebels repelled Militiamen in the northern Nicaraguan town of Ciudad Sandino beat off 200 rebels in a three-hour battle, killing 21, residents said yesterday (Reuters reports).

Battleship arrives: The 57,000-ton battleship New Jersey and six other US warships arrived off Nicaragua's Pacific coast to begin military exercises. A five-ship battle group led by the 62,000-ton aircraft carrier Coral Sea is off the Caribbean coast.

Smokescreen: The aftermath of a huge blaze which destroyed sets at the Paramount Studios in Hollywood, including the sound stage being used for *Star Trek III*.

Bizarre start to Pérez de Cuellar's Angola mission

From Richard Dowden, Luanda

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the secretary general of the United Nations, arrived here yesterday to a reception designed to impress upon him the strength and firmness of Angola's position on Namibia, then encountered a bizarre attempt to make him stay longer than he intended.

Given a public holiday, tens of thousands of Government supporters filled the airport and lined the streets to welcome him. Banners denouncing South Africa and the United States were suddenly draped across the airport road. As he stepped off his aircraft a little girl ran forward as if to embrace him. Señor de Cuellar's face fell

in embarrassment as he realized she was tying an MPLA scarf around his neck.

Taken to a podium opposite a sculpture depicting an army boot as big as a house stamping on a South African soldier, he was subjected to an impromptu rally: 40 minutes of speeches in support of the MPLA and praising the 1976 revolution in which, with Soviet and Cuban military aid, it defeated its Pretoria-backed rivals.

President Eduardo dos Santos made a short speech repeating Angola's conditions for the withdrawal of Cubans from its territory: there should be an unconditional withdrawal of South African forces from Angola. United Nations Resolution 435 on Namibian independence should be rapidly

implemented and South Africa should stop acting in support of UNITA.

"When these conditions are fulfilled then we will be ready to discuss with Cuba the progressive withdrawal of Cuban forces," said the President.

Señor Pérez de Cuellar had planned to leave last night but according to the Angolan programme he was to leave at midday today, having met representatives from the South West African People's Organisation (Swapo) and the African National Congress of South Africa. He is still planning to meet Mr Sam Nujoma, the President of Swapo.

The Angolans had also announced that Señor Pérez de Cuellar would arrive at 10.30 yesterday morning but the

drummers were still beating out a welcome an hour later.

Then at about 12.15 the Soviet Ambassador arrived from Moscow and was ushered into line to meet the secretary general. The rest of the diplomatic corps had been inexplicably dismissed earlier. The ambassador said later that he did not know that Señor Pérez de Cuellar's time of arrival was to be 1pm and he had not expected to be in the reception committee.

The UN Secretary-General is claiming some success from his visit to South Africa and Namibia.

JOHANNESBURG: President C. F. van der Berg believes that the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola should be handled separately from the indepen-

dence of Namibia (Ray Kennedy reports).

"I hate the idea of linking the two things," he said.

The Secretary General repeated that his talks in Cape Town and Windhoek were confined to his Security Council mandate to negotiate the speedy implementation of Resolution 435.

The South African Government views the withdrawal of Cuban forces as an absolute prerequisite. Señor de Cuellar said "it will be in an entirely different context, not in the context of Resolution 435".

Police with batons and pickaxe handles broke up a demonstration by Swapo outside his hotel in Windhoek on Thursday night.

Satellite weapon 'tested by Russia'

Frankfurt (AFP) — The Soviet Union tested an anti-satellite weapon above Munich in June, 1982, according to the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. "Secret Western information" showed the test, while not wholly conclusive technically, proved that the Russians were capable of destroying satellites above Soviet territory.

MP cleared in Montreal

Ottawa — A Montreal judge has ruled that Mr Bryce Mackasey, aged 62, a Liberal MP and former minister, does not have to stand trial on three charges of influence peddling (John Best writes).

He was charged with illegally accepting a \$400,000 (£10,000) loan in return for trying to obtain government contracts for a Montreal machine tool firm. Two businessmen, Mr Robert Harrison and Mr Jean Bruyere, filed charges of attempting to bribe Mr Mackasey.

Track record

Washington (Reuters) — On a journey from Florida in New York the "Silver Meteor" train ran down and killed a woman on the line, collided with a lorry abandoned on the track, struck another lorry that had stalled on a crossing, and was derailed. Nineteen of the 413 passengers were treated in hospital after the last incident.

Vote marathon

Lagos (AFP) — Nigerians vote today for the fourth successive Saturday this time to elect a federal House of Representatives, the 450-member lower chamber of the National Assembly. There is no voting in the western state of Oyo and Ondo.

Rain toll

Bayonne (AP) — Four people drowned and six others were reported missing after torrential rain hit the French Basque country. Three people died when their camper was swept away by high water near St Jean-de-Luz.

Back to work



President João Figueiredo of Brazil, aged 65, who returned to work yesterday after recovering from a heart operation in the United States.

Aides accused

Yaoundé (AP) — Two close associates of former President Ahmadou Ahidjo of Cameroon, Major Ibrahim Oumharou and Captain Ahmadou Salatou, have been accused of "attacking the security of the state" and will be brought in trial.

False alarm

Bagotville, Quebec (AP) — A Wardair DC10 charter flight from Calgary to London, carrying 297 passengers made an emergency landing at a Canadian military base here, after a faulty fire indicator light went on.

Blast questions

Berlin (Reuters) — West Berlin police have questioned eight Armenians living in the city in connection with the explosion at the French consulate on Thursday. They were not detained but police examined a large amount of printed material.

Lima protest

Lima (Reuters) — About 5,000 workers, carrying empty pots and pans, marched on Congress in protest against hunger, unemployment and the Government's economic austerity measures. But police prevented the demonstrators from approaching the building.

Uganda deaths

Kampala (AP) — Three members of the ruling Uganda People's Congress youth wing were killed when gunmen attacked Bukasa, near the Ugandan capital. A policeman was shot dead while setting up a roadblock near Kyaajja.

Seychelles link

Victoria (AP) — The Chinese Minister for Foreign Trade, Mrs Chen Muhua, held talks with President Albert René in the Seychelles capital on economic and technical cooperation.

Super spiders

Moscow (Reuters) — A plague of highly-poisonous Black Widow spiders has hit the southern Soviet region of Astrakhan. The spiders, which have killed a number of camels and other animals, emit a poison 15 times stronger than that of a cobra.

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Radio Slaving away

I suppose many of us entertain the reassuring notion that in the wake of William Wilberforce, and whatever else may be wrong with the world, we have at least been able to leave behind us the condition in which one man actually owns another as his property. Not so.

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The choice of the first American opera company to visit Edinburgh has fallen on the Opera Theatre of St Louis. Ten years ago there was virtually no grand opera in St Louis. The town, which is bisected by the Missouri, relied for its summer music on "the Muni", the Municipal Opera in the city park which supplied, and still supplies, the usual summer stock season of Porter and Kern, Rodgers and Hammerstein, with a big star in each show. In the winter there is, of course, the St Louis Symphony.

The man who introduced opera to St Louis, and vice versa, in this century is Richard Gaddes, an Englishman who learned his trade at Glyndebourne and then Santa Fe before setting up his own company in the Mid-West. During its eight seasons to date the Opera Theatre has attracted both acclaim and critical attention - the last four have all been reported on this page. The reason takes little seeking from the outset Gaddes has been determined to introduce the unfamiliar both in terms of repertory and singers. There

must have been a temptation to go for the tried and tested in a city with little or no operatic tradition, but it was resisted. Each year the St Louis opera was given a familiar work, a *Traviata* or a *Rigoletto*, but at the same time they are encouraged to sample what cannot be tasted elsewhere.

As with the operas, so with the singers, Gaddes decided to steer away from the hardened campaigners of the touring circuit and instead took a chance on singers just embarking on their careers. Here the background of Glyndebourne and Santa Fe clearly had an influence, because both houses have for long had a justified reputation for seeking out and nurturing young talent. Gaddes, however, added another element in vocal terms he was determined to buy American, although his producers and conductors could come from elsewhere.

repertoire is also thoroughly representative of what might be heard in St Louis: a concert of Sunday Evening Fops to show off half-a-dozen members of the company (tomorrow), followed by two performances each of Stephen Paulus's *The Postman Always Rings Twice* (September 6-9) and Delius's *Fennimore and Gerda* (September 8-10). The first is a European premiere, while Delius's opera, apart from a St Pancras production some years ago, is scarcely writ bold on the musical map.

"What's to be found in the Operatic Attic?" was a *New York Times* headline for a report on the last St Louis season. And Gaddes reckons that he spends quite a few happy hours up there under the eaves. He also thinks that the Edinburg repertory virtually selected itself. There was originally talk of Rossini's *La cenerentola*, which Jonathan Miller wanted to direct with Frederica von Stade in the title role. But then Jonathan decided to leave the theatre altogether and that put paid to that. In one way I was not sorry. The

arrangement was for us to sing it in St Louis in English, since that is our tradition, and then return it in Italian for Edinburgh, where they prefer opera to be performed in the original language. But that would not have been a facsimile of a St Louis production, which is what I want to present to Edinburgh.

"So we turned to Paulus and back. When John Drummond approached me I was riding high on the success of *Fennimore*. It was a new style of production and it also reflected, I suppose, my natural tendency to shy away from standard pieces. That was our English connexion, so we then decided the American connexion. The first act of *Postman* had just arrived on my desk and I thought it had a very reasonable chance of being a success.

audiences will be familiar with the James M. Cain novel, or its film versions, and that they will enjoy it as a piece of drama.

The St Louis visit came about almost by accident. The first choice of John Drummond, Edinburg's Festival Director, was Santa Fe. But the negotiations fell through. He bumped into Richard Gaddes one day at the Metropolitan Museum in New York and the deal was virtually arranged on the spot. St Louis have not previously played outside their home state, although they were on the verge of going to Montecarlo a couple of years ago. Gaddes believes that the time is now right for a limited amount of exposure abroad.

Concerts

Summer Music Elizabeth Hall

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Theatre

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Great and Small

Vaudeville

Both Strauss's play has had a rough ride on its way to London, and now that it has arrived it would gladden my heart to welcome a work that has succeeded on other European stages as well as saluting the mad courage of Glenda Jackson and her management in launching a large-scale experimental German piece in the West End. On the strength of Keith Hack's production, though, I do not feel I have yet seen the play.

The isolation intensifies when he comes home. Her husband throws her out again; she finds brief refuge in a tenement basement, and then sets off in pursuit of old friends and relations only to meet renewed defeat.

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Television/Weekend choice

It is safe to assume that anyone out for lunch tomorrow, who whips himself into a froth of indecision over whether to settle for lobster or go for the foie gras, will not have watched *Breadline Britain* (tomorrow, noon, ITV), in which blind, partially deaf, diabetic Mavis Gold, with only 14p in her purse until the delayed Giro cheque arrives and only half a dozen eggs left and a half-loaf, discov'ringly pursues such gastronomic dilemmas into perspective. In tomorrow's film, the air is thick with dust from the crumbling dreams of radical reformers like Beveridge who had visions of an era when what would be banished. The sharp clicks we can almost hear are caused by the social security benefit traps as they snap shut on the desperately needy.

Fifteen unbroken hours of non-stop roll on BBC 2, starting today at 3.15, is an act of partisan programme-planning unparalleled in the annals of British television. I suspect the BBC would not have dared to do it if August was not traditionally the closed season for anti-BBC snipers. But, if it had to be done at all, one must admit it has been done with a spectacular flourish, and the long feast includes at least one good movie. George Lucas's *American Graffiti* (tonight, 11.00pm)

Recommended listening: The Cricket Match (tonight, Radio 4, 8.30), John Retallack's plucky attempt to convert Hugh de Selincourt's classic account of a one-day encounter on the village green into something like a radio play (odd timing, though, on the first day of the football season); and Liberty Comes to Krilwinkel (tomorrow, Radio 3, 7.30pm), Sybil and Colin Welch's adaptation of Nestroy's stage comedy about the Austrian student's rising of 1848.

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Dance

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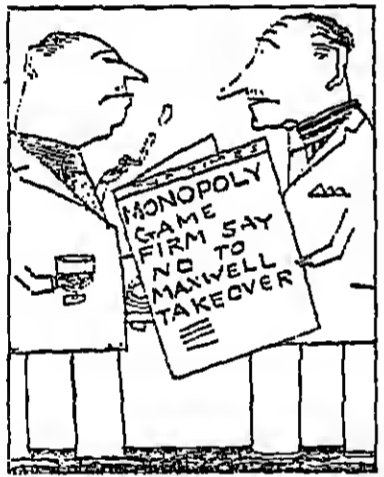
Russian roulette

The chances of the Bolshoi Ballet coming to London next year are as evenly balanced as a ballerina in the Rose Adagio...

Beastly

Impressed, no doubt, by our efforts to find a symbol for the European Currency Unit (now to be the subject of discussion at an international conference on the future of the ECU in Luxembourg next month)...

BARRY FANTONI



'He probably needs more hotels and Marylebone station'

Bangering

I rather think the Meat Promotion Executive, who sponsor the British Sausage Bureau, has entered my PHSausage joke competition for which the Bureau's Sausage Time clocks are prizes...

End of run

The village which was BBC-TV's Clochemerle in the serialization of Gabriel Chevalier's classic yarn of the construction of a French village parson is turning fiction into fact...

No change

The Black Watch were the victors of Waterloo yesterday for the third year running. The battle was won on the playing fields of Werl in Germany...

During the run of the 7/84 theatre company's popular show Men Should Weep at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East...



Top right: Count Alexei Nikolaevich Tolstoy. Top left: Tolstoy with Konstantin Simonov and H. G. Wells in Leningrad, 1934. Above left: Visiting the Soviet air force in 1943. Above right: Relaxing in the country with his third wife, Ladmilla, 1941

The Tolstoy in Stalin's pocket

In order to ensure the presence of the celebrated writer Count Alexei Tolstoy among her house guests that summer, the well-known society hostess Valentina Khodashevich took the precaution of sending him an invitation months before...

'My husband and I,' Mme Khodashevich recalled, 'invited Alexei Nikolaevich and his wife to come to us in the summer at the village of Dubovo on lake Seliger...'

spirit of revolution had been stilled, and the Russian nobility led a life of unimaginable luxury and pleasure. Those unfamiliar with Russian history may be surprised to learn that Count Tolstoy's holiday was not spent in the summer of 1890...

by Nikolai Tolstoy

ALEXEI TOLSTOY'S reputation has never waned within the Soviet Union, and he continues to be the subject of innumerable biographical and literary studies. This is not surprising. What is on the face of it extraordinary is his physical survival during Stalin's purges...

confident of the required attitude, and again attacked the playwright for having "distorted history". He took the hint properly in the third version. A totally new Peter trod the boards; a calmly beneficent ruler, devoted only to the reconstruction of his country...

ever known during the reign of Nicholas II. Stalin himself is said to have addressed him as "Comrade". In the 1930s Alexei was loud in his condemnation of fascism. There was, however, a time when his hostility to Nazism vanished utterly...

Two factors served to preserve him. The first was that innate historical awareness that enabled him to gauge the likely direction of the Revolution. From the moment Stalin's ambitions became clear Tolstoy was second to none in adulating the new dictator.

Tolstoy's reward was commensurate with his efforts. He received the Stalin Prize of 100,000 roubles and was enabled to enjoy a lavish life-style. In Stalin's eyes to be the apotheosis of Peter the Great conferred enormous benefits. It concentered the fearful suffering inflicted by a Russian autocrat on his people...

There was no lie or crime of the Soviet Government to which Tolstoy was not prepared to lend his name. But a life of unstinted moral and physical self-indulgence took its toll. By the time he was 61, the flesh hung loosely on his heavily-built frame...

After the eleventh speaker had voiced his views, Berensenyev reappeared. Reminding the audience of the dialectical aphorism that "from a clash of opinions, truth is born", he congratulated the 11 speakers on their unanimity.

The elevation of Stalin-Peter was far from being Alexei Tolstoy's only service to his master. It had not escaped his notice that a far more apt parallel was to be found in the prison of Tsar Ivan the Terrible, who had organized an effective predecessor of the NKVD...

It is hard not to believe that the degrading personal role he undertook in Soviet society exerted a damaging effect on his creative capacity. His personal character was without question beneath contempt, reflecting the pitiful morality of many contemporary European intellectuals.

Roy Strong My trunk route grand tour

A cedar of Lebanon guards our house. I look out on it as I write. It is supposed to have been planted in 1815 and acts as a mnemonic for the date of the battle of Waterloo but, in another sense, it is the first tree that I ever really got to know well...

Peter Nichols Making tracks to childhood

As everyone knows, this is not the Age of the Train. Not the age of the nightmail crossing the border but the container lorry careering across the safety barrier. The age of the train was yesterday, childhood, another country, and those of us who enjoy railways resent British Rail's lie because the attempt at now-ness robs trains of glamour.



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A GRAVEL VOICE FROM ETRICK

Mr David Steel's missive from Tweeddale, Etrick and Ram-

know why Mr Tony Greaves has not been up before a drum-head court martial for disgraceful conduct in the face of the enemy. Mr Greaves is chairman of the Association of Liberal Council-

interview she gave the other day, now sees the Liberal party in that light. It is certainly Mr Steel's ambition to make it so. That was the heart of the letter.

I am certainly willing and indeed keen to continue as leader, but only on the basis that the party itself is gearing its efforts to offering an alternative government to Mrs Thatcher at the next general election.

If it wants to pouter about on the sidelines I will be happy to remain a loyal member but not to continue indefinitely as leader.

Mr Steel is not the first leader of the Liberal Party to try to galvanize his membership in the serious pursuit of political power. Mr Grimmond marched his troops towards the sound of gunfire (imagery aptly presaging laughter), and Mr Thorpe whetted their appetite with the red meat of politics. But Mr Steel is the first postwar Liberal leader to stand in a position from which the appeal sounds forth as more than braggadocio.

If the Liberal Party is to convince the voters that its trust and its men are fit to be trusted with a primary share in government it will have to reform its political manners. Responsibility calls for another style. If Prince Hal is to become King Harry, foolishness will have to be banished from the court. The party will also have to get its developing relationship with the Social Democratic Party right. Mr Steel is abundantly justified in trying to concentrate the minds of his colleagues and supporters on these matters ahead of their annual conference. Whether his abrasive way of doing it will go down well or badly is at this stage a question for specialists in the psychology of Liberalism.

Mr Steel also demands to know why someone is not doing something about the Young Liberals, cavorting with Mr Ken Livingstone and Sinn Fein, and vulnerable, he suspects, to enthrone him. He also has a smack at Mr Cyril Smith for not putting his weight in the Liberal "front bench" in the Commons.

One has supposed that since Mr Steel has so long and so successfully laboured in the vineyard of the Liberal party he must have become acclimatized to the disorderly dotiness that has always enriched its proceedings. Something has now happened to turn indulgence into exasperation.

That something - apart from any change in how Mr Steel personally is feeling - must be the fact that the Liberal party now stands within reach of political power. It is no longer just a ginger group, a vehicle for political ideas on their way in or their way out, a phenomenon of the Celtic fringe, a gymnasium for working out political fantasies. There is now a real possibility that it may come to form a major part of the first alternative to Conservative government.

Mrs Thatcher, according to an

It was heading that way in any case. Sections of the party are still sore that the joint manifesto to which the Liberal leadership subscribed with their partners in the SDP was over-compromised. In particular it kept options open about the stationing of cruise missiles in Britain instead of coming out against it as the Liberal assembly had done, and it omitted mention of blood sports. So there is a move to strip the party leader of his final say on the manifesto.

Mr Steel has quite rightly made this a matter fundamental to his remaining leader. What matters is not that the last word on the manifesto should be personal to the leader but that it should remain with the parliamentary leadership and not be given to some extra-parliamentary body. With the awful warning before them of what happened to the Labour Party when it fought an election on a manifesto which most of its shadow ministers would have liked to disavow and had to explain away, and with a well-organized move to block the proposed amendment, it is unlikely that the critics of Mr Steel's "autocratic" leadership will win that point against him.

Mr Steel's letter ranges more widely than the details of the party constitution. It enters into personalities. He demands to

ODD MAN OUT AT MADRID

Plucky little Malta again stands alone, defending itself from the combined onslaught of the thirty-four other countries represented at the European security conference in Madrid. It is a matter of considerable significance that a meeting of foreign ministers next month could provide an opportunity for the US Secretary of State George Shultz to hold talks with the Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in an effort to improve relations between the super-powers. But the Maltese delegation appears to give more weight to including in the final conference document an agreement on holding discussions on security and arms reductions in the Mediterranean area.

Insisting on these worthy aims, however, has prevented the participating countries - the United States, Canada and all European states except Albania - reaching the consensus required for the formal signing of the document concluding the three-year Madrid follow-up to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). In desperation Spain has now arranged a "political meeting" in September to endorse the final agreement, but unless Malta yields beforehand, this will not have formal CSCE standing. The strains in East-West

relations have provided more than enough complex problems to keep delegates arguing interminably without introducing the Pandora's box of the Mediterranean and Middle East. Nonetheless, at Helsinki in 1975 Malta managed to insert in the Final Act a vague reference to the relationship which exists "in the broader context of world security, between security in Europe and security in the Mediterranean area". At Belgrade in 1978 Malta pressed successfully for a gathering of experts on Mediterranean cooperation to be held the following year in Valletta, but at the Madrid follow-up the Maltese delegation failed to win support even from the non-aligned countries. Neither the Finns nor the Swedes succeeded with their compromise proposals, and in a rare show of agreement both the United States and the USSR have denounced Malta for hocking the conclusion of the conference.

In Malta itself Mr Dom Mintoff's ruling Labour Party is opposed on this issue by the Nationalist Party, which argues that he has no mandate from the other Mediterranean countries to speak on their behalf, and agrees with the general European view that his proposals are impractical. Mr Mintoff, however, en-

couraged by the support he received at the last non-aligned summit in Delhi, persists in his efforts to promote Malta as the meeting place of European and northern African civilizations and to give it an international role greater than that of most countries with a population of less than a third of a million.

The real significance of the CSCE is as an international forum to discuss the observance of human rights in participating countries - an element in the trust without which no genuine disarmament is possible. Yet delegates have agreed to hold a European disarmament conference next January in Stockholm, allowing Moscow to treat it as a separate and more important matter than the discussions on human rights at Ottawa in May 1982 and on family reunification in Berne in April 1986 - to be held only months before the next general follow-up conference in Vienna.

The principles underlying disarmament and human rights are related and should be defended with the stubbornness now shown by Malta in less practical ways. The frustration felt by negotiators at the CSCE is understandable, but for all its shortcomings it is a forum worth preserving.

SHAKEN TO THE CORE

A claim that parts of Kent and Canvey Island, with its vulnerable concentration of oil and gas installations, could be hit by a "large earthquake" invites scepticism, like a report that the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse had asked for clearance to land at Heathrow. There is something millenarian, almost Monty Pythonesque about it. Yet it was the subject of discussion this week in Brighton at that serious forum, the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr Robert Muir Wood, a senior geologist with the engineering consultants, Principia Mechanica, displaying the fruits of his research into British earthquakes since the year 650, ended with a plea for the British, who "still believe earthquakes are about as English as pizza", to take the matter seriously and imitate the French and Germans by establishing a national network of monitoring stations.

Whitehall brims with contingency plans for disasters of all kinds, both man-made and acts of God, but not, it seems, for

earthquakes. A spokesman for the Cabinet Office, which houses the Civil Contingencies Unit, said there was nobody with a set of carbonophones cranking in a Whitehall cellar listening for tremors. Though the Institute of Geological Sciences, a part of the Natural Environment Research Council, does have a monitoring capability of a sort.

Dr Wood identified a number of earthquake-prone areas in Britain, one of which runs from the Pembroke Coast via Swansea to Hereford. A small earthquake in Hereford exactly eight years ago brightened the pages of an August Bank Holiday Weekend edition of *The Times*, as it surprised a sergeant in the Special Air Service at the Bradbury Barracks, who admitted that his regiment was not trained to withstand such shocks. It also inconvenienced a police sergeant who confessed that it has taken him an hour to console his parrot which fell from its perch. The headline "Earth tremor shakes Hereford Parrot" reflects just the kind of

flippant attitude Dr Wood wants the British to drop.

Certainly, it cannot have been much fun in Colchester in April 1884 when chimneys toppled, church walls cracked and tiles poured off roofs. The phenomenon was taken much more seriously in the last century. The village of Comrie on the rim of the Highlands was dubbed by the Scots as their "earthquake capital". The first seismometers in Europe were installed there in 1840.

But at least until really shaken. Dr Wood's fellow-citizens will not be easily persuaded that they ought to be worrying about the movement of tectonic plates beneath the British crust. They have other things on their minds. If his strictures do find a response in Whitehall, the Home Office's revived civil defence effort might be adapted for post-quake operations. And should the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse land at Heathrow, well, the SAS are trained to handle that.

Surely the administrative history of the last 35 years in Britain and elsewhere must at last have convinced all objective observers that these "mainstream policy jobs" in the centre of the government machine require - cannot be well done without - a combination of strong intellectual powers, complete political objectivity, a pleasant personality, genuine motivation for this form of public service and a lifelong capacity for self-education.

These qualities can be, and often have been, found in people recruited to the Civil Service for particular

specialist functions, but such paragon figures are rare.

Let us never forget how vital these posts are, how ineffective training courses are in developing the necessary qualities in those that do not have them, and how carefully therefore their holders must be preselected - as Trevelyan and Northcote pointed out in the 1860s, as Haldane reiterated in 1918 and as Edward Bridges maintained to the end of his distinguished career. Yours faithfully, R.C. GRIFFITHS, 2 St Albans Villas, NW5.

Second thoughts about the Rhine

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeeoch

Sir, General Sir David Fraser has argued (August 19) that the advantages which you ascribe to making BAOR out of the line are illusory. In supporting him, I would go further. Such a course would, I believe, be prejudicial to Britain's security and endanger the peace of Europe.

The political reasons for the British commitment remain of overriding importance. These hinge, surely, upon the necessity to provide the Federal German Republic, as a non-nuclear Power, with adequate security. Failure to do so might well bring about a perception of insecurity in West Germany which would lead to a demand for increased armed strength. This the Soviet Union could only view with apprehension, with the possibility of pre-emptive attack.

The feasibility of raising the nuclear threshold by exploiting the much more effective non-nuclear weapons now being developed may well indicate the need to withdraw BAOR from the front with offensive action against lightly defended rear areas throughout the Nato area.

The United Kingdom base, the security of which is vital to enable Nato forces on the Continent to be reinforced and supplied, would be one of the primary targets for such action, which would include air and missile attacks, a mining offensive against ports, and possibly even sabotage by airborne troops. Yet current British defence policy, as enshrined in the 1981 Defence Review, is to weaken the Royal Navy to a nationally unacceptable level (see your front page article in today's issue - August 23), to make only modest and insufficient improvements in the air defences of the United Kingdom, but to maintain the present West German deployment whatever the costs.

Finally, it has to be realized that with present levels of defence costs Britain can no longer afford to maintain sufficient forces to sustain adequately each component of her historic multi-role contribution to Nato's collective security system and to provide for the security of national interests, whether at home or overseas.

Your leading article outlines some of the initiatives that Britain should take to remedy this situation. When faced with the realities and with constructive ideas to overcome the difficulties which these realities create, it is hard to believe that our Allies would receive them with "astounded concern". Yours faithfully, IAN MCGEOCH, Southern, Castle Heddingham, Halstead, Essex, August 20.

From Mr Michael Chichester

Sir, General Sir David Fraser's predictable response (August 19) to your constructive and forward-looking leader (August 17) emphasizes the ingrained opposition which will have to be overcome in any attempt to drag Nato's strategic doctrine into the eighth and simultaneously to modernize Britain's military role in the Alliance in line with developments in technology and weapons, with the changed nature of the Soviet threat and, above all, with the realities of Britain's economic resources. Those who support so stridently

the continuing and financially extravagant deployment of 35 per cent of the whole British Army (and 10 per cent of the Royal Air Force) in West Germany in peacetime seem unable or unwilling to grasp the strategic and economic realities of the situation which now faces the British Government as it prepares for its next defence "review".

The Soviet military threat is now global and capable of damaging action against Western interests both within and beyond the Nato "area". You rightly point out the dangers of Soviet outflanking manoeuvres and proxy operations for neither of which Britain's Rhine Army is trained or equipped to deal.

Should an attack on western Europe be launched, despite the risks of nuclear escalation that such an initiative would carry for the Soviet Union, the modernization of Warsaw Pact forces, and the increased range and power of many of their weapons would enable them to accompany the assault on the central front with offensive action against lightly defended rear areas throughout the Nato area.

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Green Man mysticism

From Dr Adrian Flick

Sir, Paul Pickering's sceptical reference to Herne the Hunter's "socialist mysticism" (feature, August 4) culpably undercuts Herne's perennial role in English culture - albeit in his better-known persona of Green Man - as the revolutionary new, modern, or challenger of received assumptions. Popularly acclaimed for his appearances in May Day ceremonies, on pub signs and in cathedrals, the Green Man is no stranger to films. Last Christmas, television viewers had a chance to see Nigel Green play his most celebrated literary namesake in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*.

That a medieval poem should be filmed at all is proof of the Green Man's power to revive and reinvigorate and in the poem his role is precisely to challenge the establishment and question its complacency. Coming forward in time, it is significant that Shakespeare's *Lear* ("fantastically dressed with flowers", IV, v) should play the Green Man once he has become aware of his

shameful neglect of the people; and that Malcolm should instruct his soldiers to do likewise (*Macbeth*, V, iv: "Let every soldier here him down a bough...") to achieve tyranny's overthrow.

In my own day Gladys Mitchell, Henry Trecoe, John Heath-Stubbs, Kingsley Amis and Peter Vansittart have revived the Green Man for English literature. Few, it must be conceded, have envisioned him in socialist terms; and I myself, as Jack-in-the-Green for last year's GLC May Day Festival, earned only rebukes for irrelevance from Young Socialists present (as well as skirmishes with skinheads). All the more welcome, therefore, is this socialist revitalization of Robin Hood. It is to be hoped that a poet or novelist will equal rise to the challenge of giving this folk figure the leftist reincarnation he deserves, sufficient to convert sceptics of all parties to a renewed vision of Herne's centrality to our culture. Yours etc, ADRIAN FLICK, The Abbot, 9 Broadhurst Gardens, NW6.

Mobility at the top

From Professor J. Coveney

Sir, Mr George Walden's article "On your bikes at the top" (August 5) suggesting the establishment of a British version of the French Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) is very timely, in view of the changes now taking place in the management of the Civil Service. However, Professor P. G. Moore has missed the point in his letter (August 11) when he states that we already have parallels to the ENA in the UK in the shape of business schools, such as those at London and Manchester. The French, too, have elite business schools, which are the true parallels with the UK business schools; they even have an international business school, INSEAD in Fontainebleau.

Rat and ratings

From the Director of Programmes of TV-am

Sir, it is flattering to be the subject of two leaders in *The Times* in the course of our six short months of lift, but alas it seems we can do nothing to please our journalistic elders and betters. When our ratings were down we were addressed as though we were the victims of some media holocaust; now they are beginning to mend we find ourselves transmogrified into a rat. Neither assessment is fair. In fact TV-am produces more hours of television than any other commercial television company. Of these 21 hours a week, some two hours are devoted to a weekly children's programme with an additional daily half-hour during school holidays. The nature of this output was spelt out in some detail in our franchise application and thus forms part of our undertakings to the IBA. Since going on air our children's department has been consistently

an institution of very high reputation with which we have nothing to compare yet in this country.

The first step on the road to a British version of the ENA is to change the rules regarding mobility at the top of the Civil Service so that people like George Walden can enter politics and return at a later date to the Diplomatic Service without loss of pension rights, etc. Such mobility is perfectly possible in the French Civil Service and encourages a high level of entrant to the ENA who is not dedicated to spending his entire career as a civil servant. Yours faithfully, J. COVENEY, University of Bath, School of Modern Languages, Claverton Down, Bath, August 16.

Aims of picture gallery at Lord's

From Mr E. W. Swanton

Sir, Reporting on allegations concerning the authenticity of a number of pictures hanging at Lord's you correctly say (*The Times*, August 22) that our display is "nonetheless the most comprehensive collection of cricket memorabilia in the world". Your comment exactly expresses the aim of MCC since its famous treasurer, Sir Spencer Fensholt-Fane, started in 1864 the collecting process which still continues today.

Our object is to present the game and its history, not to rival the Tate Gallery - though several of the pictures whose authenticity is now questioned have been shown there. The oil paintings in dispute are those collected by the first Sir Jeremiah Colman, whose son of the same name, father of the present baronet, Sir Michael, in 1947 generously donated to the MCC the 52 oils and 50 prints illustrated in *The Noble Game of Cricket*, published by his father. No doubt is cast on the prints nor on pictures of high quality such as "Village Cricket", by John Ritchie.

Others are not given a high artistic (or insurance) rating. In several cases Miss Diana Rait-Kerr, then Curator, whose work in re-assembling the club's collection after the war, incorporating the Colman collection and furnishing the newly-built Memorial Gallery, won general acclaim, expressed in the labels accompanying them her own reservations.

The *Mail on Sunday*, in a long debunking feature, characterized the collection as "to a large degree worthless rubbish", apparently on the evidence of Robin Simon who, with Professor Alastair Smart, is showing in several places an

exhibition with a catalogue entitled *The Art of Cricket*.

These gentlemen in their preface write: "It would have been impossible to write the book at all without long study of the basic collection of works in the Memorial Gallery at Lord's without the privilege of access to the MCC archives, generously made available to us by the Curator at Lord's, Mr Stephen Green, to whom we are indebted for many kindnesses."

Accusing MCC of deception, the *Mail on Sunday* itself deceives. Two matches of 1860 near Charles Dickens' house, Gadshill Place, Rochester, and also the involvement of his 11-year-old son, and repeats exactly the points made in the label in the Memorial Gallery.

Of the 250-odd illustrations of all cricket scenes the exact location of a match is given or replacement. This is being put promptly in hand. Meanwhile cricket-lovers will no doubt continue to patronize the exhibition of cricketiana at Lord's, as do thousands each year, either individually or in groups - at a cost of 50p, not 75p as stated.

All in all it may be thought that Mr Simon has not played with an impeccably straight bat. Yours faithfully, E. W. SWANTON, (Chairman, MCC Arts and Library Subcommittee), Delf House, Sandwich, Kent, August 25.

Local income tax

From Mrs Laura Grimmond

Sir, Your leading article, "Tied hand and foot" (August 2) suggests that "there is no consensus on an alternative to the rates". But is this any longer true?

On yesterday morning's Radio 4 programme we heard a Tory MP make an eloquent plea for a local income tax, recommended seven years ago by the Layfield committee and supported today by many people of all parties in local government, such as the present convener of Strathelyde Regional Council and Mrs Patricia Kirwan, of the GLC (author of *Londoners and the Rates*), as well as others in academic circles and financial journalism.

The Liberal Party, at its Assembly in 1982, passed by an overwhelming majority a comprehensive policy on local government finance of which two main features were a reformed system of grant and a local income tax (LIT) while its allies in the SDP also favour it as an additional tax to rates. Amongst those who have given the matter serious consideration it would seem that there is now a consensus that LIT is the only alternative to rates and many believe that it is a better one.

What then is the obstacle to its introduction? It is hardly credible in an age when children speak the language of computer technology which the silicon chip has almost

turned into a toy, that the cost and complication of calculating and collecting LIT prevents its introduction, already found possible in Canada and five European countries including Denmark, whose Kommunes are even an LIT collectors. Is it rather that the idea is anathema to the Treasury, who are unwilling to surrender what they see as a tool of economic management?

The record shows that local government has increased its spending less than has central government. Its follies come under closer scrutiny, where it falls in accountability and in the motivation of its electors to act as effective policemen of local expenditure.

There are 24 million income taxpayers but only 15 million rate payers. Local elections, in which, according to the Director of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, only 17 per cent of those who vote actually pay rates, not surprisingly reflect national rather than local issues. The cure for inadequate democracy is to transfer control to central government, which you, Sir, so well argue is not equipped to carry out the task, but to make it work better by reforming its system of finance. I am, yours etc, LAURA GRIMMOND, Old Mansse, Firh, Kirkwall, Orkney, August 3.

Motorway accidents

From Dr Edmund J. Cantilli

Sir, I have been in London participating in the Institute of Transportation Engineers' fifty-third annual meeting at Kensington Town Hall, and I read your letter to the Editor on August 20 entitled "When speed limits fail to save lives". Mr Michael Macoun - in commenting on August 17's "disaster on the M4", when "a truck careered out of control across the central reservation", points to North America as a case in point, where the "maximum speed permitted is 55-65 mph", as, apparently, a solution.

I cannot speak for Canada (or Mexico), but I would assure Mr Macoun that, in the US at least, the 55 mph limit, which applies to every state, is not enforced and, indeed, is considered unenforceable.

But the solution to accidents of the type mentioned is contained in Mr Macoun's words describing a truck careering "out of control across the central reservation". There is no good reason for a vehicle of any size to be permitted to cross the central reservation. Proper barriers should be erected to prevent this type of accident from ever occurring again. Yours etc, EDMUND J. CANTILLI, Professor, Transportation, The Polytechnic Institute of New York, 333 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, USA.

Areas of beauty

From Mr Frederick Gore, RA

Sir, Very little public voice has been given to the concern felt for the village of Luddesdown, in Kent, since the announcement that the Ministry of Defence have purchased one third of the parish's acreage and are seeking permission to use the land as a military training area (mimelaying and general infantry training).

Luddesdown is in the green belt some 23 miles from London. It is already classified as an area of outstanding natural beauty and a special landscape area. Part is in an area of high natural conservation value and it overlaps a site of special scientific interest. This proposal is believed to be contrary to the policies of both borough and county.

The Army's need to find land close to existing training areas can be appreciated. But the respect which the ministry now for ecology and their care of farmland do not in this case allow alarm. To make only one point: there is obvious outstanding natural beauty in the narrow winding lanes with high banks and arched trees (where cars must back to pass). A little unwise improvement can easily destroy the remote charm of a place which is only a few miles from motorways and main roads.

The triangle between Wrotham, Gravesend and Rochester - from Cobham Woods to Birling Gap - is a very special, beautiful and much loved corner of historic Kent. Luddesdown, small and secret at its centre, should be sacrosanct. Such places are easily spoilt. Yours faithfully, FREDERICK GORE, Flat 3, 35 Elm Park Gardens, SW10, August 24.

Missing the point

From Mr Francis Wayne

Sir, Down Under is more picturesque. Examples include: "Slow Tortoise Crossing" (Albany, WA); "Lyrebirds Cross" (Melbourne); "Go Around this Pole" (Kalgoorlie); "Narrow Carle Stop" (no hyphen, Lake Hawea, NZ); "Horrible Bump" (Haast Pass, NZ); "Bends for 35 miles" (Orango, NZ); and even "Don't have a bloody crash here We have no bloody hospital". Yours truthfully, FRANCIS WAYNE, Eigg-Brachaidh, Lochinver, Lairg, Sutherland, August 11.

'Jobs' in Whitehall

From Mr R. C. Griffiths

Sir, Your "whitehall Brist" of August 2 blandly reports that the present surplus of Government economists at economic adviser level and above - an inevitable result of the specialist mania which swept through Whitehall in the 1960s and 70s - may well be converted into administrators with the prospect of filling "mainstream policy jobs". The same solution is no doubt being advocated for the many similar surplus staff in other graduate specialties.

SOCIAL NEWS

Why justice and peace must stand alone

"Justice and peace will kiss each other", sings the Psalmist as he dreams of ultimate fulfillment...

Justice and peace are beyond dispute. It is equally clear that they are related, but not in the simple and direct way that seems to be assumed...

Yes, ultimately economic justice will make for peace, even if in the short run the opposite can be true...

OBITUARY MAJOR-GEN D. WIMBERLEY



Major-General Douglas Wimberley, CB, DSO, MC, one of the best-known figures of his day in Scotland...

Services tomorrow: Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, 11.30 AM. Holy Communion in the Choir. Organ accompaniment...



Heading for the Himalayas: Six young soldiers from the Junior Leaders Regiment, Royal Engineers...

Loch Ness book is withdrawn

A London publisher has withdrawn a book about the Loch Ness monster shortly before publication...

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Peter Demetriadi was christened Guy Peter Michael Erskine at All Saints Church...

Birthdays

TODAY: Professor William Beattie, 80; Sir Donald Bradman, 75; Sir Stewart Crawford, 70...

Summer success

The Royal Academy's summer exhibition, which closes on Sunday, is set to be the most successful show for more than 20 years...

Science report

120-mile monster to smash the atom

Batavia, Illinois (NYT News Service)—Plans for what physicists say is the biggest piece of science project in the history of Western civilization...

Architecture A triumph over adversity

Downtown, post-Blitz, neutered Plymouth is the setting for the new Theatre Royal, and while the setting may be satisfactory...

Fight to save cancer unit

Three separate petitions containing almost 4,000 signatures have been sent to Tunbridge Wells Community Health Council...

Village plagued

Villagers at Causton, Nottinghamshire, are suffering from itchy blotches all over their bodies, which appear during hot summer months...

Sight regained

Mrs Lilian Allison, aged 56, of Cotgrave, Nottinghamshire, has suddenly partly regained her sight after 14 years of blindness...

Royal pickings

The Queen has opened her fruit farm at Sandringham to allow the public to pick their own blackberries...

Harrods takes to the road

A £170,000 air conditioned coach bearing the distinctive green and gold Harrods livery moved among the London traffic...

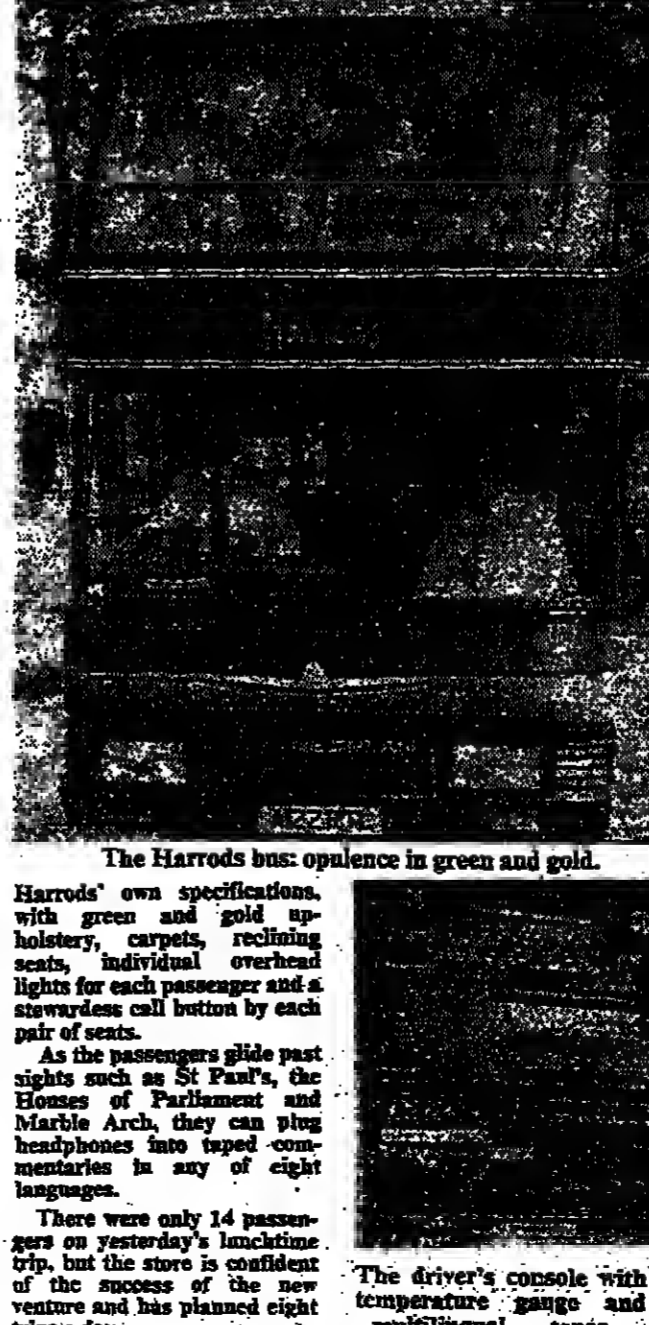
Latest wills

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Drinks all round at village pub

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There were only 14 passengers on yesterday's lunchtime trip, but the store is confident of the success of the new venture...



The Harrods bus: opulence in green and gold.

Harrods' own specifications, with green and gold upholstery, carpets, reclining seats...

The driver's console with temperature gauge and multifunctional tapes.

MISS M. B. JAMESON

A correspondent writes: Skaters and Carthusians alike will hear with regret of the death on August 20 of a remarkable woman...

CAPTAIN JUAN ECHEVARRI, RN

Captain Juan Addison Victor Echevarri, RN, died on August 23 at the age of 86. He took an early interest in wireless telegraphy...

MR W. CARRINGTON

Mr William Preston Carrington, a West Indian millionaire investor who with loans helped thousands of blacks to move into many formerly all-white areas of Brooklyn...

Lady Harding of Petherton

wife of Field Marshal Lord Harding, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC, died on August 25. She was Mary, daughter of Wilson Locke, JP, of Knutsford, Cheshire.

Sir George Lewis, Bt, died

August 24 in London at the age of 56.

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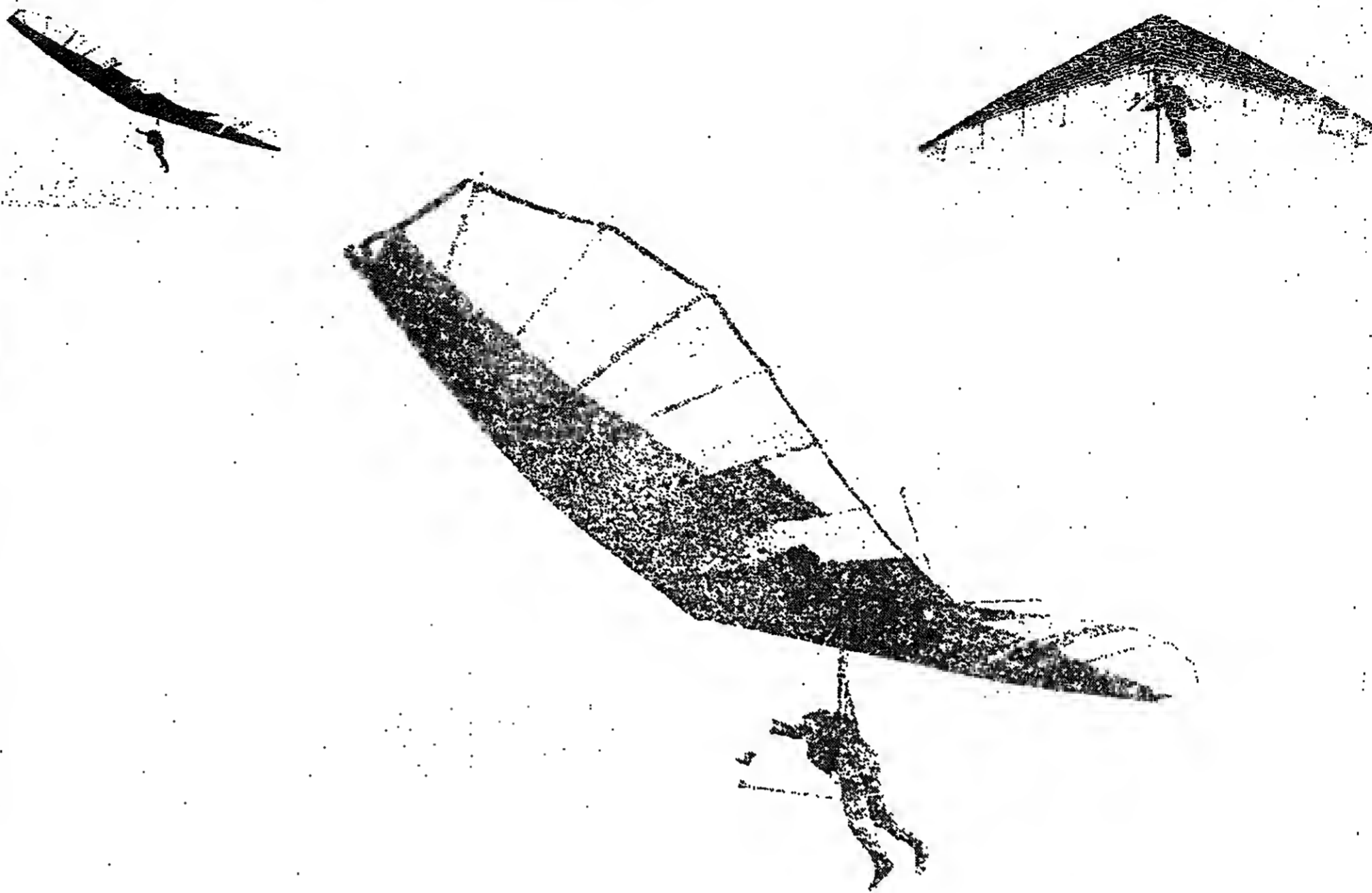
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27 AUGUST - 2 SEPTEMBER 1983 A WEEKLY GUIDE TO LEISURE, ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS

Ronald Faux finds the acceptable face of hang-gliding, a sport which has made great strides towards improving its safety record

Easy glider



Sunday morning in Rochdale and the early sun is trying to melt the empty car park outside the Tesco supermarket. A small group of student hang-glider pilots...

He insisted that hang-gliding was a perfectly safe sport - even the insurance companies now accepted that as a fact, and they were shrewd judges.

Even so, I asked, the human leg was surely never designed to double as an aircraft undercarriage? Nonsense, had I ever seen a bird with fat legs? The secret was to land with such gentleness that the strain would be no more than stepping off a slow-moving bus.

Car roof-racks are loaded with the bright cocoons of burred aircraft that overlap bonnet and boot. Tony Delaney arrives. He is a wiry, fair-haired man, with an enthusiasm for bearing off hilltops supported only by a few square feet of billowing sailcloth.

Gerry Breen, one of the foremost hang-gliding and light aviation pioneers in Britain, admitted that there was a danger in the early days of the sport but times had changed. He remembered launching himself off hilltops strapped to the most chilling contraptions made from bamboo, string, polythene and Sellotape.

He gives the sky a critical look, sniffs the air and looks pessimistic. Not a breath of breeze is stirring in the centre of Rochdale. "Sorry lads, flying's off today. There's no lift", he announces. No one protests. They accept that without a reasonable rush of air, trying to hang-glide is as pointless as sliding down a sand dune.

Eventually, when the wind pipes up on Lobstone Moor, I will continue my training with a thorough briefing in aerodynamics, and the theory of how these delta-shaped aircraft, an early spin-off from the American space programme, actually fly. I will be taught how to rig the glider and allowed to make a few tentative hops off the ground.

The others disperse, but I stay for my first lesson in the car park. Mr. Delaney and his assistant, who is about to train us as a fighter pilot in the RAF, rig up what resembles an aluminium gibbet. I slip on a harness of straps, lift my legs and dangle there.

From there a student progresses to tethered flight. He is strapped to the glider, which is flown like a kite with three control ropes held by instructors on the ground. The trainee learns the subtleties of controlling the machine until the wing-tether is removed to allow more rope. Finally the machine is freed for the first solo flight.

Tony Delaney directs my hands to a large aluminium triangle on the simulator and describes how I should shift my weight from side to side to make the glider turn. "Look ahead", he instructs, and I fix my sights sternly on a shrub 40ft away. I try to imagine myself prone beneath the elegant sweep of a delta wing with the world swirling beneath me, but it is difficult.

Hang-gliders are directed and controlled as the pilot shifts his body weight relative to the wing. Tony Delaney said: "The best way is to imagine that the aircraft is an extension of your body. With practice the amount of control becomes very precise." It makes free flying safe and feasible even in a country crowded with rooftops and tall trees, glasshouses and thorn hedges, air-space restrictions and volatile weather.

The Northern School of Hang-Gliding normally teaches its pupils on Lobstone Moor, a few miles out of town. Tony Delaney's opinion about flying conditions was confirmed when we got there. A pupil from the school wailed at the bottom of the hill disconsolately. It was a hopeless day, he said. He had made a couple of flights but had come down the hill like a rock. "I gave up because the fracture in my foot is not properly healed yet."

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A hang-gliding accident? Not really. He had found lugging his folded machine to the hilltop such hard work that he had taken up jogging to get fit. He was out jogging when he tripped up and broke his foot.

People of reasonable nerve, balance and coordination who keenly want to fly are usually untheatrical and making their first downhill solo after three days' training, although gusty weather can cause delay. Within five days the student may have qualified as a "Pilot One", flogged but with a lot to learn.

and when they leave the training school they usually join their local club. They fly on their local hills under the guidance of their club training officer.

There are some crucial manoeuvres to master. The circle turn is often a sensitive one. Flying into the wind a hang-glider is relatively easy to control, but downwind the aircraft accelerates and loses altitude rapidly.

Further progress extends to ridge soaring, riding the thrust of air as it strikes the edge of a hill, or circling in the bubbles of warm air that form thermals for extended flights. Finally, there is the challenge of cross-country flying, feasible on high-performance machines. The British record set last year by Robert Calvert of Preston is around 112 miles.

There are some 3,500 hang-glider pilots in Britain, a small minority of whom take part in the international circuit of competitions. These are the ultimate challenge to the sport, and British pilots have won a dominating position in spite of Britain's relatively low hills and restricted air space.

It is easy to accept that hang-gliding is an exhilarating sport and the closest to true flying, but is the risk justified? According to Mr Barry Blore, principal executive officer of the BHGA, as an adventure sport

hang-gliding is less risky than any other. In the last two years there have been five fatal accidents. Five years ago, with half the number of pilots spending less time in the air, 18 people died in a year.

The agreement between the BHGA and the manufacturers of hang-gliders to sell aircraft only to the holders of pilot certificates is not legally binding but is strictly followed. According to the BHGA, 95 per cent of hang-gliding accidents can be attributed to pilot error. The most vulnerable pilots appear to be those who have qualified as Pilot Ones then joined a club where the training facilities are less well organized.

The most dangerous point occurs when a pilot allows his aircraft to go too slowly when the wind is blowing from behind. The hang-glider speeds up rapidly over the ground, but the actual rush of air over the wings may not be enough to keep the aircraft aloft. A downwind stall then happens, and if the aircraft is less than 100ft from the ground, recovery is impossible. A crash is inevitable.

There are very few cases on record in recent years of aircraft failure. Two accidents have happened which were caused by premature deployment of a parachute designed to bring both pilot and machine safely to earth if the hang-glider should

be damaged by collision or extreme turbulence. Altogether 133 incidents were reported last year in the BHGA in which no one was seriously injured. Only 17 happened at flying training centres, and more than half were from hitting trees, walls, hang-gliders on the ground and a telegraph pole as the pilot came in to land.

Improvements in training and aircraft design have reached a point where hang-gliding is more than acceptably safe: it is the most rewarding and easily the cheapest form of flying. "That accepted, there is clearly some risk," Air Blore said. "If there wasn't, nobody would bother to do it."

The governing body of the sport, the British Hang-Gliding Association, is at 167A Cheddton Road, Taunton, Somerset (0823 88140). The Association provides a list of the 22 approved training centres which organize courses in Britain.

The Northern School of Hang-Gliding is at 65 Highbury Avenue, Irlam, Manchester (061775 4422). The school offers five-day courses, £15 a day for students and the unemployed, otherwise £22.50 per weekday and £25 each Saturday and Sunday. Aircraft and kit are provided. Secondhand machines suitable for a beginner will cost £1,000. An excellent practical guide to the sport is given in Hang Glider Pilot by Ann Welch and Gerry Breen (John Murray, London), £4.50.

Up on the Downs with the wind in their favour: Members of the Southern Hang-Gliding Club hang fast and loose on their flights at Firi Beacon in Kent

Woman in the sky with no hang-ups



Hang-glider: Gill Pyrah

It was a short film I saw that started it, as I remember. Wobbly shots from a camera strapped to the frame of a hang-glider recorded every lift and swoop and breathtaking turn over tree tops and along mountain ridges. It was an old film and the unrefined hang-gliders - kites was their familiar name then - could do little more than fly down from a hill.

Even so, I had to do it. Now, I'm not sporty. Team games always left me cold - or far too hot. In the summer, tennis courts were for loomng round in whites, with streaky, tan-painted legs. Girlfriends could beat me easily. That was ignominy enough. But boys had the unfair advantage of build, and I could find no pleasure in giving them the chance to prove me inferior. But this hang-gliding looked beautiful.

By luck, we arrived at the Welsh Hang Gliding Centre at Crickhowell on the first good flying day they had had for weeks, so our instructors abandoned the beginners' day of theory and took us straight up the hillside. We struggled to gain control of a contraption which, weighing 60lb or so, was yards wide and flirtd willfully with every passing breath of wind. The wind, that day, became so strong we could tether the gliders to the ground and they flew straight up, like kites.

Gerry Breen (our hero) was bursting to try his brand new glider. The evening wind was strong enough for it to carry two. Being female, so relatively light, the flight was mine. (Don't knock the system when it's with you.)

Green-black storm clouds were orange-lined and rolling away as the sun began to set. We moved to the hillside and simply stepped off. As easy as

that. There was a surge of power as the wing inflated and the nose fought for equilibrium with the head wind. The sudden speed was surprising, exhilarating. I was flying. Adrenalin belted to the brain. I was as high as a kite.

In the next days I learned - too late to be disenchanted - that it does take strength to carry the thing up a hill, but only until you have picked up the trick of holding the wires and letting it "fly" itself back up. Weakness and laziness were good teachers. The first solo steps and few yards in flight were full of dizzying, unspecific apprehension. But it seemed to me that the men appreciated the chances of broken backs or crushed skulls more than most of the women: only one was too scared to leave the ground.

Indoors, taking lessons in the theory, I cursed past schools. Why didn't I - or the other females - know about air pressure and how it caused a right-shaped wing to fly? We had no vocabulary of vectors or sink and lift or thermals. But in our ignorance, we had no fear of flying.

Jes Flynn, who is at the centre of this year, says 50 per cent of the inquiries about courses come from women. Very few book up - only one in two months, this summer. He reckons that only one in 10 women who learn, stick with the sport; perhaps one in five men

do. Pressed to give an explanation for the discrepancy, Jes answered: money, muscle and rotor cars. Does he notice any gender difference in attitudes to flying once they are there? "Women", he says, "come along for the aesthetic airy freedom side of things. Guys tend to be more into the gung-ho Red Baron stuff."

Of the handful of women who are internationally known as hang-glider pilots, Judy Leden is the best in Britain; her fans say the world. She took it up in 1979, and within weeks became so obsessed that she left university to take a job - any job that would keep her in petrol and gliders. On her first flight, she reports that she giggled all the way down, and for the first few months she knew there would always be a rush of adrenalin. But now, when she spends every weekend flying, it's more low-key and rarely frightening.

In July, Judy beat the both-sex distance record of 139 miles by flying 147 miles in a Californian desert. The record was taken from her the same day, so hers became the "ladies' distance" record. It does not seem to matter. Judy is often the only woman flying from a site, but it is a matter of indifference to her and, she thinks, to other fliers. It is not a macho sport; strength is not important, skill is.

Gill Pyrah

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Ivan Barnes recommends that the traveller in Syria ignores the present and rejoices in the past

With open eyes on the road from Damascus

Three hours' drive from Damascus, north-east across the Syrian desert, lies Palmyra. The journey gives interesting glimpses of the desert's occupants. They seem to be of just two categories, both migratory. The Beduin are there with their old, familiar flocks and tents and their modern vehicles. The Syrian army also has modern vehicles and more besides.

The ooe group tends its sheep, the other its Soviet weaponry, with similar lack of haste and with apparent disinterest. I suspect that I got as sharp a picture of today's Syria through that car window as at any time during my week in the country.

Palmyra, the city of the palms, is yesterday's Syria. It is the spectacular ruin of a civilization that reached its peak in the second and third centuries A.D. It was brutally snuffed out by the Romans who its inhabitants, and particularly its ambitious queen, Zenobia, got too big for their sandals.

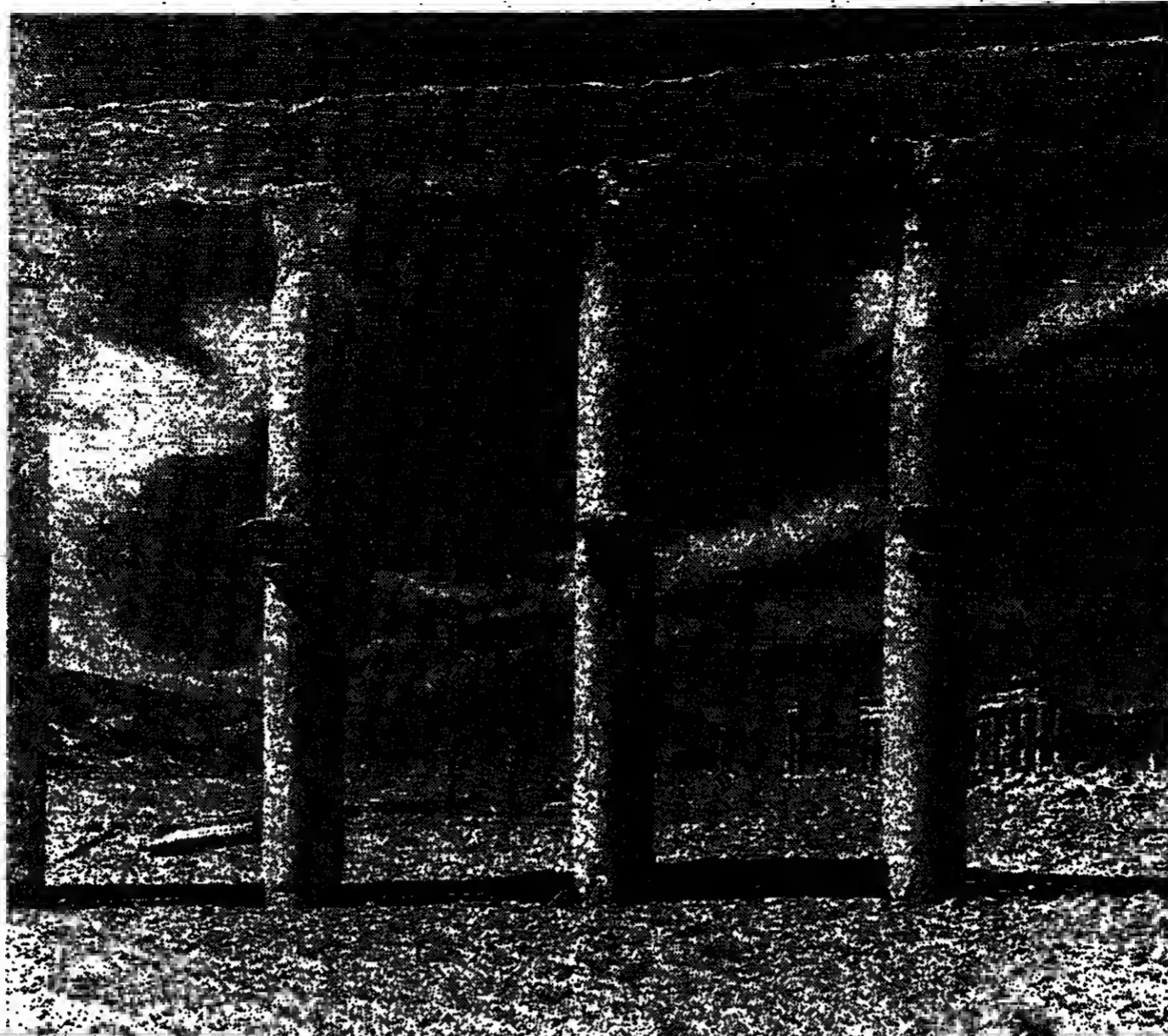
Here, in a hollow in the middle of the desert, is a clear, slightly sulphurous spring, the *Ajqa*. From the spring came an oasis and from the oasis came, eventually, Palmyra. The city prospered because it was an ideal place for the ancient caravan routes. Palmyra's rich merchants owned ships, depicted in carvings here, in the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. The city outlasted its great rival to the south, Petra, in present-day Jordan.

What has so far been uncovered and reconstructed makes a large and impressive site, crammed with colonnades, temples, tombs, a triumphal arch and a beautiful theatre. The time to view the site as a whole is at sunrise or sunset, from the high ground to the west or from amid the ruins themselves. The best spot is probably from the hill where stands a seventeenth-century castle, which dominates the area and constantly broods above you as you wander among the sandstone pillars.

There is so much to see that you should not consider staying at Palmyra for less than two nights. That gives the minimum of dawn and dusk to choose from and the minimum of time to sense the fascinations of the place.

My group visited Palmyra's museum, interesting enough in itself but made more so by a chat with Khaled Assad, its director. He is Palmyran by birth, jovial and enthusiastic. He brings the whole place to life and relishes the thought that his own town, all those centuries ago, for a moment could claim to be the richest city in the world.

A large area of the site has yet to be excavated and it was fascinating to watch the director handling, explaining and speculating upon some artefact that had been unearthed that very morning. Syria is said to contain some 3,000 historic sites. They are not all Palmyras, but I do not argue with the



Underneath the arches: Classical pillars frame the seventeenth-century Turkish castle at Palmyra, 'City of Palms' once a prosperous oasis; Bab-Al-Makkam gateway in Aleppo (top right)

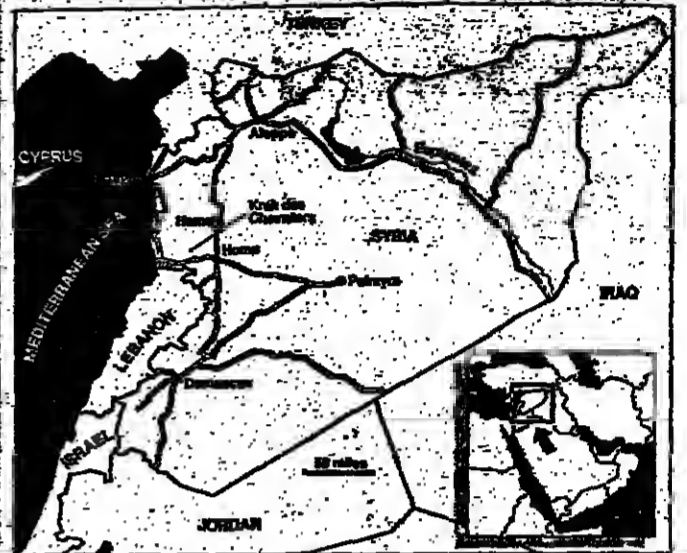


figure. There are certainly enough to satisfy every taste. The one that lured me there above all others though, was Krak des Chevaliers, the monster Crusader castle guarding the Homs gap - the route from the coast to the hinterland. Ever since I visited my first castle in Britain and heard of the Krak I felt that I must see it.

As one of the wonders of the world of military architecture (and as a modest youthful ambition fulfilled) it was not disappointing. But though its curators have done much to make the Krak accessible, much remains to be done. It is not easy to find your way around or to understand this place in a brief visit with the literature, and guides that may be available on the spot. With the

Krak, as with so much in Syria, it is advisable to plunder one's library and bookshop for background information before setting out.

Damascus is not a city that charmed me, though it does have magnificent sights, notably the Great Omayed Mosque, built originally from the eighth century but almost completely reconstructed following a succession of earthquakes and fires through the ages. Round the corner from the mosque is Saladin's tomb, restored courtesy of Kaiser Wilhelm II, and both stand in a souk to satisfy the most demanding hagler (particularly one in search of carpets).

The Ministry of Tourism is making a great effort to increase the number of western visitors

to Syria. Clearly this is not an easy task. Most westerners would not even begin to think of the place for a holiday because of what they read in their newspapers.

So why consider Syria? Not for the food, I think. Of my small sample, a group of six, four suffered stomach upsets, though admittedly these may have been brought on not so much from eating as from watching our driver consume the more interesting organs of a barbecued ram at lunch. (Being one of the lucky - or careful - pair, I did not take this problem too seriously. It is important to retain a sense of humour.)

Nor for the beaches. There is a stretch around Latakia that is quite respectable, but the

Mediterranean is more inviting elsewhere.

What attract are the Krak and the other 2,999 places where you feel that you can choose to touch briefly virtually any part of the past. Syria appeals to travellers rather than to tourists. Yet it is probably better to tour than to travel alone, if for no other reasons than that self-drive car hire is almost non-existent and that an escort almost certainly saves considerable trouble at the numerous security checkpoints.

To holiday in Syria, then, one needs to be searching for the past. To have a really pleasant time it is better to be ignorant of, or to ignore, the present.

The perceived danger is, as these things usually are, not particularly relevant. The only

people in Syria who are routinely in danger, for example, from the government are the Syrians themselves - and some Palestinians, of course - certainly not holiday-makers dreaming of the past.

Gaze at the *norias*, the giant water wheels on the Orontes at Hama and wonder - but not about the thousands, perhaps as many as 10,000, who died there when the revolution was put down 18 months ago. Reflect upon Aleppo from its spectacular citadel - but not upon the scores who died there in the 1980 revolt. Look through the car window for the beds and his flock - but not for the soldier and his surface-to-air missile.

Ah, Zenobia, what progress we have made.

Visa: required in advance for individual travellers or groups of fewer than 10 people. Your travel agent will normally be able to arrange for a visa quite quickly. Vaccination: immunisation recommended against typhoid, cholera and polio. Agencies: the following companies, often combining Syria with other countries: Jasin Tours, High Street, London; Malesherbes, Berkshire (0429 25444); Sun Day, Scotland; Syria only, from about £900. Fairways and Swinford, 37 Abbey Road, St John's Wood, London NW8 (024 9552). Sales Tours, Sales House, Buntingford Road, Dorking, Surrey (0806 885951). Swan Helpline, 237-288 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1 (066 8070).

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Beating the blues in balmy Barbados

It's carnival time in Notting Hill this weekend (see page 8), so when better to see how it's done in the Caribbean



Carnival sunshine in Trinidad

If you know what the Red Plastic Bag and the Mighty Sparrow have in common, then you have probably been down to the Caribbean at carnival time. They are both Calypso Kings. But even the most ardent fan of West Indian culture might be stumped by the first name, as he comes from Barbados, not Trinidad - the home of the calypso.

Barbados, the most English and many would argue, the most civilized of the Caribbean Islands, is carefully nurturing local talent. The Ministry of Information and Culture has been busy promoting a summer festival based on an old slave holiday called "Crop Over" - a more homely, less frenetic occasion offering a variety of events: a street market, a concert of folk songs and dancing, costume bands parading through the streets, Trinidad-style, and a calypso contest.

The tourist board hopes it will help fill hotels and airlines in the leaner summer months in the years to come, but the Ministry of Information and Culture is attempting to base its roots firmly in the community first so that people benefit throughout the year. Elton Motley the Director of Culture, is planning several smaller festivals of drama, dance, music and jazz over the next six months which will make Barbados not only more attractive to

visitors, but a more interesting place to live in.

This year's "Crop Over" proved very popular with the locals: 12,000 tickets were snapped up for the calypso final as soon as they went on sale. But rain stopped play. They tried again two days later. Things went swimmingly until the interval when the red plastic bags and balloons, waved in honour of last year's king, were suddenly replaced by umbrellas.

Trinidad's carnival is less vulnerable to the elements, as this moveable two-day feast just before Ash Wednesday falls in the drier winter months. This year's was said to be the one-hundredth anniversary of Carnival; others said it was more like its two-hundredth. No matter, it gets bigger and more commercial every year, sending the price of hotels and taxis rocketing.

But it is fun if you have the stamina. For the tourist it is a long, card-rump-pounding, sleep-starved, kaleidoscope-coloured, smashed-out-of-mind, weekend. For the locals it is much, much more. Critics of this bacchanalia claim that it paralyzes the minds of the population and the economy of the country for the whole year. For "playing Mas" (dressing up and joining thou-

sands of others in street processions) generates a thriving industry.

It is not just the hot polka and the tourists who buy costumes to disguise themselves as flowers in the rain forest, frogs, Babylonian soldiers, handmaidens to Cleopatra or butterflies, but also respectable lawyers, teachers and politicians. Carnival takes a grip of the lives of most Trinidadians well before Christmas. The calypsonians vie with each other for the "crown", "jump-ups" (dances) and fetes (parties) occupy the weekends and costumes must be chosen.

In Barbados they are much too conscientious, hard working and perhaps, well, a little too staid to go in for such extremes, and we should be thankful. Part of Spain can, in that long weekend, be masqué. The visitors can easily forget the frustrations of things like the telephone, water and electricity, as well as people, out working. To be fair, the locals know how bad it is and laugh at their problems. Sparrow sings, "We like it so", and adds, "We are free."

But after Carnival, it is wonderful to escape to Barbados - a 45-minute hop. Back to dear old "Bimshire" with its orderly ways, reliable services

and excellent hotels. Unfortunately, Tobago - the other bit of the state of Trinidad and Tobago, a mere 20 minutes away - suffers from the same problems as the mainland. These can put the blight on the most wonderful white beaches, limpid ocean and the spectacular coral reef of what is said to be Robinson Crusoe's island.

Barbados might not take its pleasure as seriously as Trinidad, but it does take its economy seriously, and it is just too much to ask for both.

Diane Spencer

Caribbean Airways: The national airline of Barbados now uses British Caledonian as its carrier. I can recommend the standard of service and comfort on this eight-hour flight. Apex tickets July-December £424; January-April £383; May-June £310; Return fare from Barbados to Trinidad is around £73.

Hotels in Barbados: Sandy Beach, on the south coast, and Treasure Beach on the quieter St James coast, both apartment hotels with good restaurants and services, offer the best of both worlds. Prices, always quoted in US dollars, start around \$60 a day. There are cheaper places and many firms do packages.

Hotels in Trinidad: Apart from the Hilton and the Holiday Inn at either



Not just a beach holiday weekend, more a way of life

end of Port of Spain. It does not have much to offer. Try to stay with friends.

Food and Drink: Not a gastronomic paradise, but good fish and spicy soups and stews in both islands. The roll - a kind of pancake stuffed with meat or fish mixtures - tends to be better in Trinidad, not in the fruit. Barbados boasts of the best rum in the Caribbean, and rightly so.

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Way to the heart of France: Through the Loire and gains like the Château de Chenonceau

"You will want to see the birthplace of Rabelais", she said, swerving round a juggernaut...

So there we were at La Devinière, a fifteenth-century cottage festooned with drawings, maps, curling photographs and illustrations of Rabelaisian characters...

Outside, Marie, our benefactress, waited patiently, smoking Dunhills. "You are thirsty perhaps? Come, we will have a drink chez moi."

Then, in her eighteenth-century kitchen, its long walls crisscrossed with framed posters, we were introduced to her daughter and to the local rouge, poured from an unlabelled bottle...

Returning to the main road, we were shown the schoolhouse of Rabelais, and admired what may be the last fortified farmhouse in the Loire...

"I love France, but I hate the French", an English émigré told us in Paris. "They're mean-minded and they'll cheat you when they can..."

given free, a five-mile diversion to take us to a camp site.

For these small mercies I was grateful, for it had been many years since I had hitch-biked. The call of the open road had grown faint. But mortgage, bank loan and the cost of taking a car across the Channel combined to rule out a foreign holiday...

And, of course, there is simply nothing to beat eating in France. The sensitivity of service, the smiling bon appetit, the crusty bread, the prices...

At midnight we strolled happily back to the municipal camping site in which Vendôme, like most French towns, takes such pride...

He answered not, but pointed to the shallows where small fish wriggled, mesmerized by the glare. With a net, he would have been a poacher, but he was just a curious amateur naturalist.

From Blois, courtesy of a silent farmer who played Handel on his car cassette as we followed the meandering Loire, to Azy-le-Rideau, a tiny town but boasting a fairytale chateau...

ques. Their barbecues are Le Crusset. Sometimes they have nameplates stuck in the ground: Mon Repose.

Vendôme is a pretty town, built on an island, with steep slate roofs and small streets interspersed with hump-backed bridges over rivulets...

Chateaux went to school there and left because of poor health. My grandmother, too, was born and raised there...

From there to Blois, where a doughty lady picked out the English at the chateau gate by their shoes and socks, and bloodcurdled us round the almost empty rooms...

The troglodyte dwelling - three small caves, and the washing hanging outside - warranted a picture, but the click of the Instamatic on a silent afternoon produced a troglodyte dog which saw us back to Azy at a trot...

When they came, they timed it well. The son et lumière at the moated chateau, a tantalizing river's bend from our tent, was only through, and we were listening entranced to the lutes, harps and choirs when the first lightning flashed...

The son et lumière that followed was real enough, and lasted all night. The thunder shook the ground and we were terrified to touch the metal poles. Despite the skills of the Koreans, and the assurances of the shop assistant, the rain filtered through the nylon and dripped upon us.



Marjona

the big river as it slugs along to the Bay of Biscay.

The villages on these tributaries are the region's charmers, and Azy is no exception, with winding streets, wickerwork and an eleven-th-century church...

Next day, from a dégustation (wine-tasting) in a converted garage, we chose a medium dry local white (13f); from a charcuterie, fresh salmon and Muscadet, pâté and rillettes...

We climbed past kitchen gardens, not a drop of soil wasted, along roads lined with sweet and horse chestnut and ripening walnut, their verges a profusion of vetch, lords-and-ladies, cornflower and poppies...

Coming back we passed a troglodyte dwelling, carved from the soft tufa bequeathed by the retreating sea to the meadows and mushroom-growers of the Loire...

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"There's a bottle of red in my rucksack," said Susan. In the Loire, they have nature balanced very nicely.

Peter Brown

COLLECTING

Medalling in modern art and history

The medallion has suffered from a bad reputation for almost 20 years. The pieces issued in their masses by some of the commercial producers have often shown scant regard to any pretence of artistic achievement.

Medals are such collectable items - but they are also for handling and enjoying. Now the British Art Medal Society offers a limited number of artistic cast bronze medals for sale to its members.

The society aims to encourage and promote the work of modern medallists and to see that the medal is more readily accepted as an art form. Members are asked to suggest both themes and medallists, though the society's council has the final word.

The society is already collaborating with the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in organizing a competition for British artists to produce a medal to celebrate World Food Day on October 16, 1983.

The British Art Medal Society held its inaugural meeting in April 1982, and it is now firmly established. In its first year the society commissioned eight medals, and members are obliged to purchase just one each from the annual election.

So far the small membership has spread its commitment to purchase over the full range available. The most heavily

subscribed medal is one by Ron Dutton, which commemorates the founding of the society, and so far 32 have been sold. The society does not pretend to be in the business of mass-marketing. Nearly all of its bronze medals are cast to order and are truly limited editions.

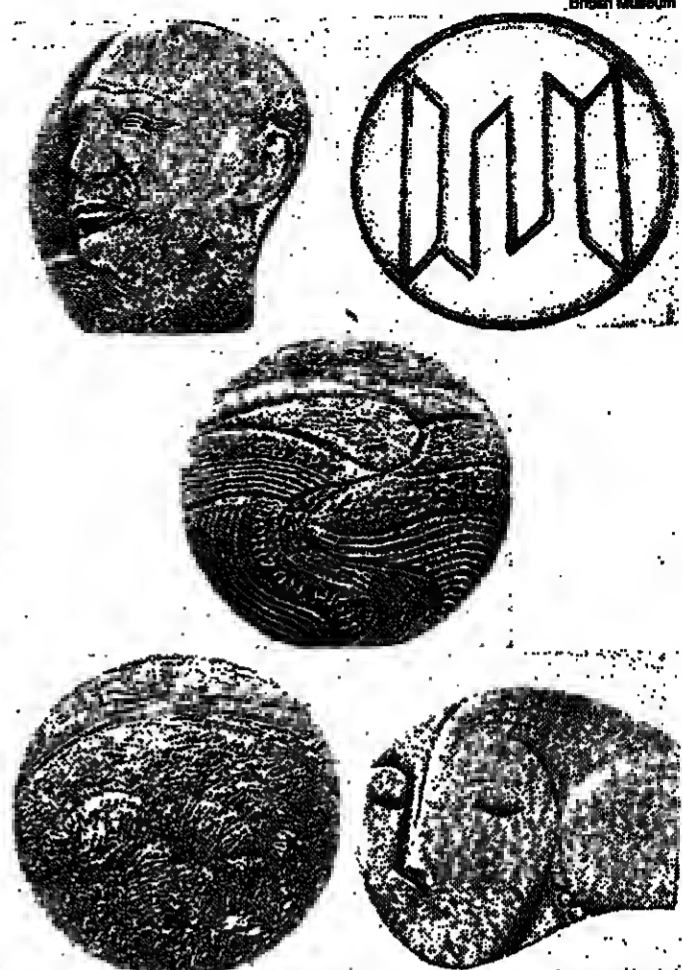
The first eight medals issued illustrate clearly how wide a variation of style, texture and art can be accommodated on a small two-sided piece of bronze. Ron Dutton's medal shows sheep grazing in open moorland, with the reverse dedication to the society follows the plough furrows of an English country scene.

Mark Holloway has produced a Muse, a double-sided head, using its own outline as the shape and edge of the medal, while Annabel Eley's carnival theme uses a crowded group of faces for an irregular outline.

Jacqueline Steiger's medal, "Food Furrows", is a wonderfully tactile piece, with deep furrows stretching outwards from a central spine to the edge of the uneven roundish flan. Two medallists, Nigel Hall and John Main, have designed non-representative pieces.

Finally, Robert Elderton offers a more traditional commemorative medal of the heroine Grace Darling. On the obverse she is shown full face, while on the reverse she and her father row their small coble towards the sinking Forfarshire.

The standard of all the medals is amazingly high. The society has obviously crossed its first hurdle by showing a serious involvement with artists, en-



Striking examples: Jane McAdam's Picasso (top left) with reverse (bottom right); Nigel Hall's openwork bronze medal (top right); Ron Dutton's Sheep Moor II (bottom left) with reverse (centre)

couraging them to discover the medal as a medium of expression which has for so many years been overlooked in this country.

The British Art Medal Society has as its chairman Mr Graham Pollard, deputy director of the Fitzwilliam Museum, and catalogue of the Renaissance medals in the Kress Collection in Washington. It has the strong support of the Royal Society of Arts and the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, and Wolverhampton Polytechnic prints its journal.

There is no government sponsorship as in France and, curiously, Poland. Sadly this means that the society cannot afford to give examples of the

medals to any national or university museum, though medallists must welcome the freedom of working without the restrictions of officialdom.

Daniel Fearon

Those seeking further information or wishing to join the society should contact Mr Mark Jones, the assistant keeper of the Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum, who organized the splendid 1978 exhibition, The Medal - Mirror of history, and is author of the companion book, The Art of the Medal (British Museum Publications, price £9.95). The address to write to is: Mr Mark Jones, Dept of Coins and Medals, The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1.

EATING OUT

Out for a duck or at least a chicken Kiev

The cricket season is reaching its climax with two finals at Lord's this weekend: the national club championship today and the village cricket final tomorrow. With the outcome of the NatWest trophy also to be decided there next Saturday, we consider two restaurants in the area which might be suitable for post-match celebrations or commiserations.

AU BOIS ST JEAN 122 St John's Wood High Street, London NW8 (722 0400) Open Sun-Fri noon-2.30pm; daily 7-11.30pm

A straight Botham six over the Nursery End would probably drop on the doorstep of Au Bois St Jean, so it couldn't be more convenient, and the extensive opening times are particularly useful for those dusk finishes

which Lord's seems to specialise in.

The restaurant's basement premises are on the gloomy side but they have made a virtue of this by constructing a sort of rustic Dordogne-barn interior which gives it both charm and atmosphere. Another French adoption is the prix fixe menu with two courses costing £6.50 at lunchtime and £8 in the evening, while the three-course selection is £8 for a lunch, £9.50 for a dinner.

There is a good and varied range of hors d'oeuvres embracing the simple terrine de montagne (rough Languedoc pâté with garlic and whole peppercorns) and the unusual avocat à la Cannoise. This is a hot mixture of avocado, crevettes, mushrooms and tomatoes with a dash of pastis which will, depending on your taste, either ruin the dish or make it.

The main courses include French country favourites such as carré d'agneau, and there is excellent crêpe de poisson gratinée. The escalope de veau

chevalère is not quite so successful, being rather swamped with diced onion.

However, the desserts are delicious, with a storming tart tatin (apple-pie, pan-cooked upside down), and a delectable shattering crème de cassis brûlée aux amandes - take along your 3lb bat to deal with this one. House wine is a pleasant blanc de blancs at £4.95.

The most popular main course is chicken Kiev - I counted at least 10 of them around me - but you can assert your individuality with a good calf's liver Lyonnaise (liver and onions, £4.50) or a supreme of chicken princess (3.60).

The sweet trolley is more like the heavy roller, weighed down as it is with cakes, pastries and gateaux, but if the waiter directs you to a rather creamy-looking cocoon, framed by flaky pastry, "run one" because it is excellent.

While the food seems honest despite its unadventurous nature, the Baracca struck me as a place to go to in a group - a cricket team perhaps?

Stan Hey

Brief encounter with an agreeable Alsatian

From the British point of view the advantage of Colmar is that it is on the Victoria line. The cross Channel rail connection with the 10.30am boat train from Victoria stops at Colmar before rushing off to central Europe. The disadvantage is that in the summer it arrives at 22 minutes after midnight. But never mind, Colmar's grandest hotel, the Terminus-Bristol, is right opposite the station entrance and there is no need to fret about taxis.

The next morning, consnoisseurs of railway architecture will note that Colmar's station is one of the finest examples of its kind, complete with clock tower and apple green roof. Even the buffet de gare is worth a look. It is vast for a town of this size, with anterooms off the main restaurant, whose high ceiling comes in a different shade of green, lavatorial this time. Waiters doze, passengers eat, reasonably if not exceptionally. It is the ideal setting for a Gallic Brief Encounter.

The recommendation, though, for those using Colmar as a base for a few days in Alsace is to stay at the Champs de Mars. From the outside it has no charm, but it is in a part, the welcome is warm although the restaurant poor, and the rooms (about £20 for a double) are very well appointed. It is also on the edge of the old city. Cross the Place Rapp, pass a glass-mosaic shop called L'Ami Fritz (an obscure musical joke, I assume, as the best known opera set in Alsace is Mascagni's L'Amico Fritz or L'Ami Fritz) and you are there.

Colmar is one of the few Alsatian towns to have emerged virtually unharmed from the last war. The forces of General de Lattre de Tassigny captured it almost intact on February 2, 1945 and that is the way, the town council have kept it since. The medieval centre is now almost entirely a pedestrian precinct, with ample displays of charcuterie and foie gras. In this



part of France the pig and the goose are the joint gods. Most tourists make for the Unter den Linden Museum - no shortage of German names here - and Grünewald's altarpiece. It is the main reason for visiting Alsace is likely to be gastronomic. Both of France's leading guides, Michelin and Gault Millau, need map enlargements for the area between Strasbourg and Belfort. Colmar's best restaurant by several lengths is Schillinger, unimpressive without but seriously elegant within. The service is beyond criticism and the prices are correspondingly on the high side. A Saturday lunch on the prix fixe menu with a bottle of '81 Reisinger from Faller (one of the least known but best of the Alsace houses) cost me 300f



Medieval middle: Colmar's centre untouched by war

This is the tourist Colmar, much visited by coaches from the German side of the Rhine, so avoid bank holidays and especially religious ones when picking your date. The real Colmar is probably found down by the banks of the river in the area called, with a remarkable lack of originality, Petit Venise.

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(about £25). It was worth it. To eat on a much more modest scale try La Tauppe down near Petit Venise.

Surprisingly Colmar has very few places offering a dégustation of the local wines. To do this properly requires a car - local bus services are terrible - and a trip to the hills. Riquewihr is the obvious place to head for. But I have a soft spot for Ribeauvillé and an even softer one for Kayersberg where the Restaurant Chambard and attached hotel have a growing reputation. Gastronomes are well aware of the longstanding rivalry between Ammerschwihr and Illhaeusern, with the latter running ahead at the moment both in accolades and prices.

But some punters reckon that Chambard is coming up on the outside. For a report on the wines themselves see Jane MacQuitty's column in Saturday, April 30. It is rare to find a bad bottle of Alsace, but I would, because of the high acidity of many varieties, counsel not going for the very cheapest. A couple of months ago one of London's leading wine merchants regretted cutting back the number of Alsaces on his list to two because of "lack of consumer interest". He should organize a trip to Colmar immediately to rectify the situation and shame on the consumer!

John Higgins



How to get there: by rail, from Victoria, 228 second-class return. Excursion fare £75.80 for minimum stay of five days plus restrictions on trains used. From Paris the journey takes about five hours, using the TEE to Strasbourg and then changing to the Colmar line. By air, Heathrow to Strasbourg using Air France, then by train. The airport at Strasbourg is busy, sparkling, but the duty-free limited.

Advertisement for 'THE TIMES WIN-A-CAR COMPETITION'. It features a photograph of a Ford Sierra and a map of Great Britain. The text describes the competition rules, prizes, and how to enter. Prizes include a Ford Sierra XR4i and a copy of the Ordnance Survey Road Atlas of Great Britain. The competition runs from August 20 to September 3, 1983.

VALUES

Ronald Faux describes how good hiking equipment can make travelling light a reality

Taking a weight off the backpackers' shoulders

The Italian climber Reinhold Messner, the world's most accomplished solo mountaineer and backpacker, summed up his experience thus: "I move like a snail with my home on my back, moving slowly but always moving". His record is an extreme demonstration of what one man may achieve at an unremitting pace and by travelling light. He has climbed 10 of the world's 8,000 metre peaks (including two ascents of Everest) always with his home on his back but at a speed that will leave the fastest snail well behind. There is a great satisfaction, he believes, in being a modern-day, self-contained nomad exploring a wilderness with his roof, kitchen and ladder all packed neatly into one rucksack.

Himalayas living in ultra-light style, but there are less spectacular ways of enjoying long-distance rambling and being self-sufficient in wild countryside. Modern materials, ingenious designs and a demanding market have removed much of the early pain from backpacking. You can go to ground or take to the hedgerows in civilized comfort these days. There is no need to suffer the misery of the poorest tent, clothing that soaks up the wet as it lets in the cold, millstone cooking stoves and heavy foods, boots that are heavy enough to pin down a diver and rucksacks supported on a frame that might have been an instrument of torture.

It tried it, my ex-Army framed rucksack weighed more than 45lb, and the attempt ended in drenched misery on the moors above Halifax. The next try, after some severe pruning and careful investment, reduced my load to 25lb of self-sufficiency that Messner himself might have admired, and the fine views were not obscured by blinding rivulets of sweat.

Ordnance Survey maps are essential on the Pennine Way, with a compass to pinpoint the route across difficult sections around Kinder Scout. For the ground between the peat "groughs" and inky ooze, walkers should allow themselves the luxury of *Pennine Way Companion* by A. Wainwright (Westminster, £3.40 approx in dry weight), to lead them past waterfalls that are blown backwards on windy days, and over the "soogy labyrinth" where Wainwright warned that one should not whoop for joy upon coming across other footprints. "Too often they are no more than the erratic wanderings of some unhappy wretch as hopelessly lost as yourself."

There are many other cross-country walks in the British countryside, and probably the best collection is described in two books edited by Ken Wilson and Richard Gilbert, called *Classic Walks* and *The Big Walks*, both published by Dandelion at £17.95 and £16.95 respectively. The range of equipment available is vast and the claims made alluring. My selection below is based on practical experience of walking in the remote parts of England and Scotland, often far away from organized campsites and human contact.

Pod protection
My choice of tent is the Peapod by Ultimate (illustrated here), a rugged, double-skinned, tunnel tent that so far has proved impervious to heavy weather. Fibreglass rods hold the tent in shape and bend to the heavy winds. It packs into a small bag, weighs 3½lbs and sleeps one comfortably, two at a crush. The flysheet entrance extends into a generously sized cooking/wet storage area. The Peapod costs a little less than £100 from Ultimate Equipment, Ryburn Mill, Hanson Lane, Halifax, West Yorkshire (0422 42011). There are lighter tents, including the Phoxhole, an aptly named shelter for the lone walker, made by Phoenix Tents. This small tent is a neat tube in Goretex, the revolutionary material that keeps out water but inhibits condensation by "breathing". The Phoxhole weighs 2lb 10oz and costs £120. Also good value is the Three-roamer at £140.

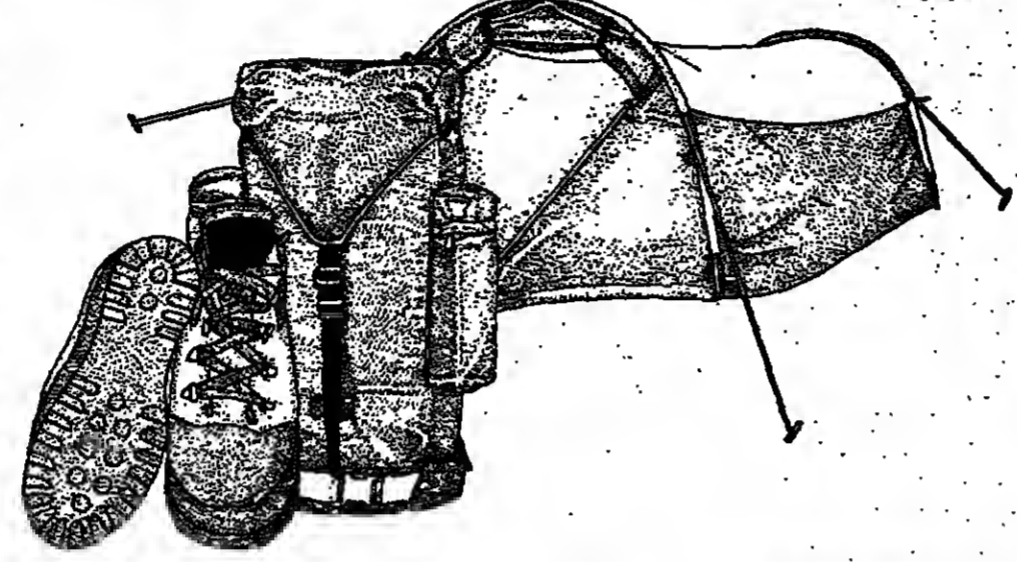
Go shell
In the changeable British weather there is a great advantage in using what designers now call "shell" clothing - a lightweight, waterproof, outer layer with warmer clothing underneath. I have had excellent service from the Brasher hill suit, made in Goretex by Berghaus. It has a wind and weather-proof jacket and trousers that are light and comfortable to wear, with sensibly sized hood and pockets. Every seam is taped for extra protection. It costs £99.95 from Berghaus, 34 Dean Street, Newcastle on Tyne, Tyne and Wear (0632 323561). For cold conditions, fibre-pile clothing is loose, comfortable and absorbs any moisture.

Feathered friends
Where weight and compactness are important, I have found traditional down-filled sleeping bags superior, although a plastic bin liner to keep the material dry is a wise precaution. Technology has moved on a pace since the days when a night spot in a feather-filled sleeping bag left all the traces of a duckpond brawl the following morning. The Arctic Patagonia is filled with duck down, weighs only 2lb 2oz. It costs £84.90 from Arctic Products, Jacob's Street Mills, Manchester Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 28674) and gives excellent protection in everything but bitter winter conditions. The Lightline, by Mountain Equipment, is duck-down-filled, weighs only 1lb 14oz and packs to 11in x 1in. Available from Mountain Equipment, George Street, Glossop, Derbyshire (0457 43770) at £79.95. Ultimate offer a good, keenly priced range of sleeping bags with artificial filling.

Light on your feet
There has been a quiet revolution in footwear for mountain walkers. The KSB3 by Karrimor introduced a new concept of lightweight footwear into the British market, with a studded sole resembling a football boot that gives a fine grip on rough terrain. Available from outdoor specialists at £46.40, or from Karrimor International, Avenue Parade, Accrington, Lancashire (0254 385911). The Brasher boots (illustrated here) at £39.95 are similar in concept with cushioning and waterproof protection that works. They are stoutly made by K Shoes but weigh only 16oz a sharp difference from the traditional, unbending mountain boot. Available from Fleetfoot, 26 St Georges Quay, Lancaster, Lancashire (0524 33317).

Carry in comfort
My Ultimate Phazon Pilgrim rucksack (illustrated here) contains all my kit comfortably for a cost of £29.95, although the competition from Berghaus and Karrimor is strong. I easily prefer the frameless, shaped rucksack of the Pilgrim type as being most comfortable and easy to carry, distributing the load onto the pelvis.

Steady eating
A huge selection of stoves is available, but gas cylinders are cleanest and most compact. The smallest is Survival Aid's Fire King, which costs £1.99, lasts 90 minutes in calm conditions and is non-toxic. Available from Survival Aids, Morland, Pen-



Way ahead
Silva compasses, available at most outdoor specialists, are well designed and finished and have stood the test of orienteering and mountaineering expeditions for years. It is best to buy a liquid-filled compass, but if ever I have become lost using one, it has never been the compass's fault.

rich, Cumbria (0931 4307). The Peak 1 is a petrol stove that is safe and substantial and costs £27.75. The Gaz Globetrotter has the advantage of being extremely stable and lightweight; it comes enclosed in its own cooking pots and a methanol-fueled stove complete with cooking pans, kettle, frying pan and cutlery.

- Action packed: Knitted hat, £4.95; Thermofleece jacket, £29.95; Karrimor Jaguar 2 rucksack, £49.95; Gaz Globetrotter cooking stove, £15.95; Silva compass, £10.95; OS map, £2.50; Four Seasons sleeping mat, £18.75; Peapod tent, £99.95; Karrimor Falvea Extreme sleeping bag, £85.50; Zambezi Trek-Lite boots, £39.50; wadliss socks, £4.75. Available from branches of Pindisports, London

DRINK Sweet days around the Danube

One of the most bizarre vineyard visits I have ever made took place in Burgenland five years ago, where a taste of the region's best wine proved very choice. Austrian wines were not particularly well known in England at the time. My plan was to end a week's wandering along the Danube, taking in the country's main wine-producing regions, with the grand finale of a trip to the Burgenland, whose luscious honeyed wines were once as revered as Hungary's great Tokay-Eszencia.

It was a good two-hour drive from Vienna, but at last the misty vineyards of the Burgenland came in sight.

They surrounded a vast reed-lined lake, right on the border with Hungary, known as the Neusiedlersee. The Burgenland's moist micro-climate is perfect for "noble rot" and virtually every wine village in the region makes rich, sweet wines. So I was amazed, after visiting the attractive border village of Mörbisch and the neighbouring town of Rust, to be taken to a co-operative whose sole production was some dreary lines of dry white and red wines.

By this time it was getting dark, and I had run out of patience with my Austrian guide. There was no alternative but to hope for the best and call in unannounced at the nearest cellar, which happened to be the Esterhazy castle Eisenstadt, where Haydn was once the court musician.

Luckily the cellarmen had gone home. After admiring the magnificent fourteenth-century cellars and what little I could see of the vineyards, I asked if I might taste a few wines. Impossible, was the reply, the barrels could not be disturbed, the bottle cellar had been locked up for the night, and in any case the Duke of Esterhazy had not given his permission. But surely, as cellarmen, he might have a few bottles? No, he and the rest of the cellar staff were nocturnal.

By now we had arrived at the bottling line, and there at the end were the dregs of two of the Duke's award-winning Trockenbeerenauslesen. A pint beer mug was produced, and at long last I had my first taste of a great, sweet Burgenland wine.

Joyce MacQuitty



Thankfully, Austria's finest sweet wines are easier to get hold of today. This is partly because the English wine trade finds them such good value for money, especially when compared to German Trockenbeerenauslesen and Trockenbeerenauslesen. Equally modestly priced over here are the country's dry white wines, but the red wines, produced in Austria in smaller proportions, are more difficult to find.

In terms of taste, Austrian wines seem to me to be a halfway house between the wines of two of its middle-European neighbours Germany and Hungary. Perhaps the most decidedly Austrian flavour comes from the Grüner Veltliner grape, a unique Austrian variety that accounts for most of all the white wines produced.

Unfortunately Austria's Heurige, or new wines, can only be drunk on the spot, but there are some good, value-for-money Austrian wines available.

Grants of St James's Falkensteiner (Victoria Wine £2.49, ASDA £2.49) is a fruity, grapey wine made partly from the Grüner Veltliner grape. A much more good Grüner Veltliner is Klosterdrain. This green racy wine is a shade drier than the Falkensteiner but just as vital, and again good value for money at £2.59 from Threshers. Klosterdrain, a fruity deep purple wine, is the red twin of Klosterdrain, also made by Klosterdrain although made from a different grape. Like all Austrian - and some other middle-European reds, it has a slightly bitter tannic finish (Threshers £2.59).

But the wines from the Burgenland are still the finest of the country. Lenz Moser is Austria's most famous wine firm, and deservedly so. It was the late Lenz Moser who, among other achievements, pioneered the economical and labour-intensive high-cultivation method. Victoria Wine has always carried a couple of his sweet Burgenland wines, so try Moser's rich, peachy Ruster Beerenauslese 1981, practically a give-away at £5.19 a bottle. Almost twice the price and not necessarily twice the flavour, but considerably cheaper than the German equivalent, is Moser's rich, smoky golden 1976 Donnerskircher Welschriesling Trockenbeerenauslese (Victoria Wine £9.50). But please note that this wine and the 1981 Ruster may well have to be ordered in advance from your local branch and expect delay of a week to 10 days.

Jane MacQuitty



Here's to flower power, and to three designers who have turned their talents to the art of displaying plants - some going up in the world, some distinctly headstrong and some indisputably woolly minded. The designers are Sidney Hardwick's favourite plants, and she has designed a pot specially for them. It is hand-made in stone, with a statue mounted in a central tube so that trailing plants can wind their way upwards.



The head is one of a boy-girl pair of plant containers to hang on outside walls. They are cast in terracotta by Rooke's Pottery, who otherwise specialize in hand-thrown garden pots, ranging from small ones at 85p to large Jardinières at £24. David and Catherine Rooke also undertake special designs to commission, and they have a range of glazed dishes for presentation and anniversaries. A recent "family tree" dish was designed for a ninth birthday - the subject represented as the roots of a great chestnut tree and the various generations as its branches. It cost £35. The terracotta heads are available in the florist's department of Harrods at £7.50 each, including a plant. Or they can be sent by mail, unplanted, for £10.80 a pair (including postage and packing) from Rooke's Pottery, High Street, Ipswich, Suffolk. Visitors are welcome at the workshop to see the other ranges - the village is about 10 miles from Stoke-on-Trent. (063 871 606).

SHOPFRONT

Show here with a boy (left), it is equally effective with tradescantia, ivy or rhoriscolus, and the pot can be made in earthy colours, blue or red. It costs £15, unplanted, and must be collected (no mail order) from Sidney Hardwick's pottery at Cedarwood, Stream Road, Upton near Dicot, Oxfordshire (0295 852823).



The range, called Woolly Bloomers, includes alpines, lilies, delphiniums and tulips and a variety of cacti. Bowls of delphiniums are apparently the most popular line, but the cacti are the most amusing - after all, some species do actually look as if they are covered in wool. These are definitely joyous plants for jolly people; not for the literally minded. Those illustrated here include a single cactus with a fluffy top at £3.95, three purple crocuses at £8.50 and a bowl of mother-in-law's tongue at £28.50. They are available by mail from Woolly Bloomers, 34 Marquis Close, Wexley, Middlesex (Tel. 0181 892 120) on each item for postage and packing. You can also find them at the Jubilee Market in Covent Garden, London WC2, on Saturdays and Sundays.

Beryl Downing

Birth pains of a labour of love

This week we begin *The Times Garden Project*. The idea behind it is to take an undeveloped garden in an inner-city area and build it up into an attractive practical one. We have chosen a modest-sized garden in Fulham, West London. The owners moved in three months ago and after concentrating initially on the interior decoration, they now want to get to work outside. The budget is £500, or roughly £10 a week, and how many hours they will give an idea about the groups of plants you will be choosing from. Local conditions are all important.

Aspect has a great bearing on any garden, and it is essential to know the direction of the prevailing wind. Wind is more an enemy than a friend in any garden and strong winds must be taken into account. How does the sun strike your garden? Does it have sunlight all day, or is it a "morning" or "afternoon" garden? Remember that the angle of the sun changes; the sun is much lower in the sky in winter than it is in summer. Consider any obstructions, be they buildings, plants or bees, and try to track the sun's path across the sky so that any plantings are catered for properly.

put in will depend on them. The monthly columns will follow their progress and we hope they will be of benefit to established gardeners anxious to improve their own gardens, as well as to beginners.



The Times garden: Leveling ground and tackling weeds is first

Neighbourhood spy

First, look around you. Peer over the garden fence and visit some local neighbours to get an idea of the soil type and what does well in your neighbourhood. This will not restrict you to the plants which are on show, but it

Paperwork

Now that the garden has been placed squarely in its environment, it is time to carry a piece of paper with you and make a

Spadework

Now that you have exercised your brain, it is time to put your hands to work: levelling the ground and tackling the weeds. Weeds abound and the few deep-rooted ones must be coped with now. Bindweed, for instance, must be eradicated before planting because if it gets into the roots of established plants it is almost impossible to get rid of. Closer to the house is what I consider to be the worst weed in the garden, *Oxalis corniculata*. It resembles clover, but the resemblance ends there. It grows from a single carrot-like root, and around this are numerous bulbils. Each of these bulbils once separated from the parent will make a new plant. Weeds have flowered and set seed so there is little we can do now to keep them from the soil. The first job is to level roughly the soil ready for

Tools for the job

Now that work is starting, it is essential to have the right tools for the job. A good spade and a good fork are invaluable. No matter how good tools are, it is possible to break them, so always handle them with respect. Shop around and choose a tool with a handle that is smooth and strong. Constantly running hands up and down a handle which is not smooth will quickly cause

Breaking ground

Cultivating must be done properly. The soil in *The Times* garden is good and it is easily broken up to depths of 15in to 18in with a fork. Double digging in this case is not necessary. It might be worth hiring a cultivator with the capability of cultivating to a depth of 10in. This depth is sufficient for lawns and the borders, if considered necessary, could be dug later. Make sure the ground is free from large bricks and stones, then take the cultivator to the required depth in a number of passes - 3in deep, then 6in deep and finally to the depth desired. Hire charges for cultivators vary considerably but about £10 a day is average.

Ashley Stephenson

Prepared hyacinths

There are a number of specialist growers who have perfected the system of treating hyacinth bulbs so that they will flower early. Buy bulbs from a reputable grower, shop or garden centre now. If planted over the next few weeks they should flower before or at Christmas. By planting in succession over the next few weeks, you can have bowls in flower through the winter. Select a bowl big enough to take from three to five bulbs and deep enough to cover them. It is permissible to have the point showing above the compost. Plant the bulbs on a small quantity of compost placed in the bottom of the bowl. Plant as many as you are able to fit in the bowl; it is all right for them to be touching. Fill in with compost, cover with soil, and plant thoroughly to wash the compost round the bulbs and to make sure the bowl has a good reservoir of water before it is stored away to get ready for flowering.

For the next eight weeks at least, the bowls must be stored in the dark and in cool to cold conditions. Before forcing can take place, the bulbs must have a well-developed root system. The bowls can be plunged outside, dig them into peat or bark beds so that they are covered by at least 4in of compost. They can be placed in a garage or a shed, or even in a cool cupboard where they can develop a strong root system. Check regularly over the next eight weeks and more to make sure the pots do not dry out. Those outside will need less such attention than bulbs stored in a cupboard indoors. After a minimum of eight weeks, they can be brought out into light.

Hibiscus

Shrubs which flower late summer early autumn are at a premium. Although there is often colour in the garden, few shrubs flower at this time. One which does is *Hibiscus syriacus*, closely related to the hibiscus one sees in profusion in Spain or the Canary Isles. This species is hardy, and because of its late flowering characteristic, it does need protection in the north and east. The shrub would survive, but its flowers can be burned by cold winds and frosts.

Hibiscus syriacus needs a well-drained site, preferably in full sun. *Hibiscus* will grow on almost any soil, but will do much better if the conditions are good. Needs little or no pruning and branches which grow out of shape can be removed with a pair of secateurs. Should a plant grow too big for its position, it can be cut back in the spring. It will tolerate hard pruning so long as the sap is rising. Cutting at the wrong time of year does not necessarily mean the plant will die, but there is a risk.

There are a great many varieties of *H. syriacus*, covering a wide range of colour. They are sometimes called the Tree Hollyhock. *H. s. Woodbridge* is a fine example with its large pink flowers and a carmine blotch towards the centre of the petals. *H. s. William R. Smith* has large white flowers and petals with a somewhat crinkled appearance. *H. s. Hamabo* is a pale pink, which fades a little more as the sun strikes; each petal has a crimson blotch at the base. You may have to shop around for plants, they are available at Notcutts and Hilliers Nurseries. Small plants will cost about £3 each.

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Cold comfort: *Hibiscus syriacus* and *Hibiscus Molineux*

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REVIEW Classical records of the month

Ravishing with refinement

Bizet: Carmen Baitsa/Ricciarelli/Carreras/van Dam, Berlin Philharmonic/Karajan (Deutsche Grammophon 2741 028, Compact Disc 411 088-2 GH 3, both three records)

Last autumn when Herbert von Karajan was in Berlin making his recording of Carmen...

The Berlin Philharmonic is allowed to bring on frenzy to the score. Indeed, in the first act it is almost possible to hear the instruments shimmering in the heat of the sun.

The danger in this Spain, lazy in the sun, is provided by Carmen herself in the shape of Agnes Baitsa. Karajan was careful to choose both a José and a Carmen virtually fresh to their roles...

Baitsa's Carmen is full of provocation. She sings the Habanera in extraordinarily long-sung phrases, with scarcely a breath taken before the end of the first verse.

Joseph Carreras offers a gentle and romantic José, very much in keeping with Karajan's reading. Only in that final act does his obsession with Carmen truly show.

It is all summed up in the Flower Song. Domingo is nicely secure and robust while Carreras is more cautious, with some quite exceptional head notes for the penultimate phrase.



Fresh roles: Agnes Baitsa and José Carreras in Karajan's 'sweet-smelling' Carmen

Domingo's José is rooted very much in the famous Edinburgh Festival production, with its references to Mérimée's dust-covered soldier who inspired Bizet's opera.

Some of the smaller roles are ingeniously taken and the perennial problem of the spoken dialogue has not been solved. The French actors rarely sound like their singing counterparts.

Ricciarelli and Baitsa. But these are the minor blemishes on a Carmen which is musically ravishing. It needs only a few moments with Karajan's 20-year-old RCA issue to hear how much he has changed in his approach to Bizet.

With Carmen, Deutsche Grammophon have won the race in Britain to issue the first complete opera simultaneous on conventional and compact disc. They could not have made a better choice.

John Higgins

A challenge met with passion

The good news here is Zoltan Kocsis's penetratingly brilliant recording of the complete Chopin waltzes. Light-fingered, supple in rhythm, and always bursting with energy, Kocsis's playing may sound too light-weight for some Chopin enthusiasts.

Perhaps some waltzes, including the famous Grand Valse Brillante in E flat, do go too fast - the A Flat, Op 64 No 3, with its syncopated main beats, comes out more like Joplin than Chopin.

Kocsis's playing is noticeably less successful, as if the lecture had put the pianist in a rather bad mood and the piano is struck with a noticeable lack of clarity in important sections.

Chopin: The 19 Waltzes Kocsis (Philips 6514 280)

Liszt: Après une Lecture de Dante; Funérailles; Six Chants Polonois (after Chopin) Arrau (Philips 6514 273)

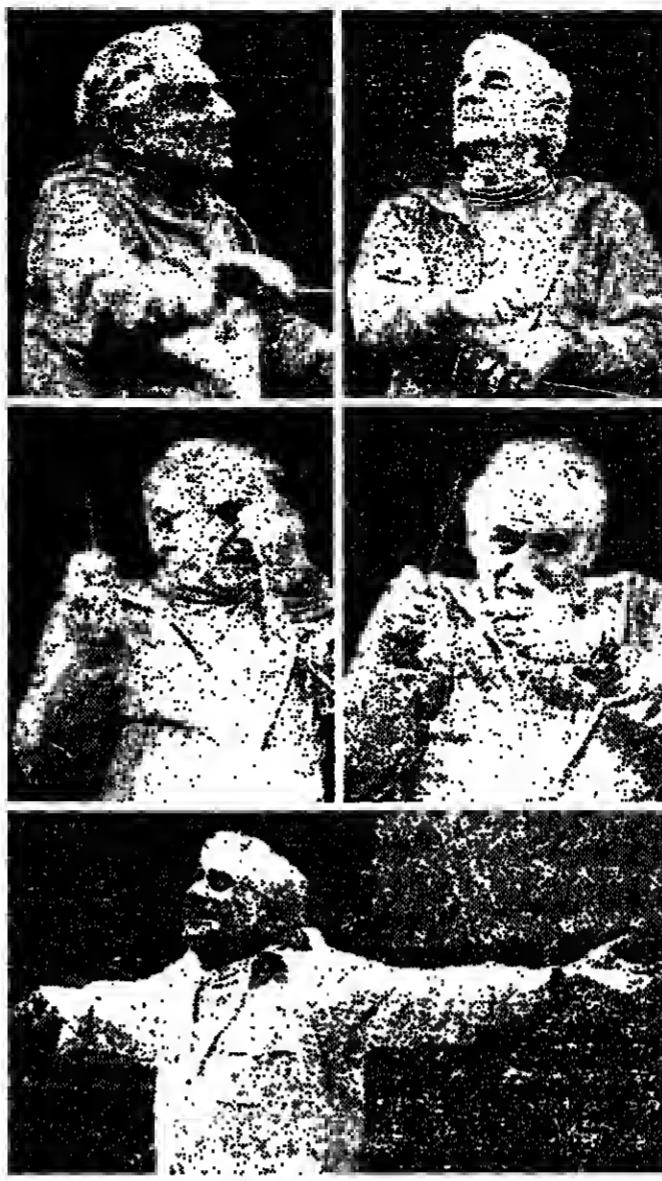
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Schubert: Piano Sonatas in A Minor, D 537 and A Major (D 664) which are less promising. Brendel's way with their rather affecting naïvetés tends to be rather brittle and withdrawn, and only rarely does art, clear, unforced lyricism make itself felt - notably in the flowing first movement of the A Major, which is a delight.

In recent close encounters with a compact disc player some of the best and worst sounds came from Decca recordings. Haitink's version of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony was revealed as a stodgy, unclear piece of engineering, while Charles Dutoit's Falla disc, with the Montreal Symphony, blazed into spacious, well-blended life. Even on conventional equipment the fine qualities of Dutoit's new recording of Ravel piano concertos and piano transcriptions are dazzlingly evident; unfortunately Pascal Rogé's energetic slog through the two concertos cannot match this sense of atmosphere.

I should add a mention of his sturdy directness and nobility which many people admire. But highly personal taste, and I find Kocsis intelligent and fresh.

Nicholas Kenyon



Coaxing and coaching: Leonard Bernstein at work

Lively Chopin, funeral Liszt

Our time, Jean Barraqué once remarked, is one that imposes greatness on its artists, and it is good to have the opportunity to welcome back a record that shows how thoroughly he understood and responded to that challenge.

But Barraqué died 10 years ago this month, and if there is any composer around today capable of going in search of greatness it is Stockhausen. Indeed, in Licht, the cycle of seven music dramas on which he is embarking, he might seem to be answering the call all too excessively, with ceremonialism celebrating at length a highly personal mythology, science

Barraqué: Séquence, Chant après chant Mendick, Lee, Copenhagen Percussion Ensemble, Cipsa Ensemble/Veto, Astrée/TOL AS 75

Stockhausen: Donnerstag aus Licht Various performers, Deutsche Grammophon 2740 272 (four records)

Messiaen: Méditations sur le mystère de la Sainte Trinité Bata Unicorn-Kanchana DKP 9024-5 (two records)

fiction, Jewish mysticism, ontogeny and soft porn. It all results, as I noted after the Amsterdam premiere of half of Donnerstag three years ago, in a scenario that is obnoxious when it is not puerile.

The release of a complete recording of this opera, however, makes me wonder whether that is so very important. What definitely does matter is that Stockhausen should believe all this mumbo-jumbo, and incredible though it may seem, he plainly does. Otherwise he could not maintain a style of such solemnity through a work playing for more than three hours, or achieve so much sheer audaciousness and excitement. Much of Donnerstag is slow, but its textures vibrate with a quality of newness and weight that may leave one gasping, even as one gapes at the inanity of what is going on dramatically.

Hollow centre to the Bernstein Brahms

Bernstein has reached Brahms just in time for his 15th anniversary, and the new gilded box set looks very tempting. But, after much talk of contained rage in his own programme note, it transpires that the most intense thing about this cycle is its intense disappointment.

The Vienna Philharmonic play well, though not as well as under Kertész, the five recording quality and balance is not all it could be, but above all, the readings leave a hollow where the interpreter's response and that of the listener should engage. Bernstein claims to have spent "long and richly rewarding weeks" living and working with Brahms - just long enough, it seems, to penetrate enough of the surface to underlie it here or tailor it to a moment of self-projection.

The First and Fourth Symphonies, which, I guess, mean most to Bernstein, also suffer the most. In both opening movements sforzando and ritardando are superimposed to substitute for organic thematic and dynamic growth, creating sparks rather than depth charges. While the slow movement of the Fourth is played better than almost anything else, its big central theme almost cracks under the weight of indulgence, and its counterpoint in the first is flaccid and soft-focused. The finales, though interestingly detailed, lack a sufficiently coherent grasp of structure.

Bernstein is more at ease in the Second, which unfolds sweetly, lucidly and with well-judged tempi, if with no greatly

distinctive character. But while he judges equally well the Third's small scale, making no exaggerated claims, the last movement's elegy becomes intolerably mannered.

Unlike the Bernstein Brahms, hot off the press, Deutsche Grammophon's other major boxed set this month is a compilation of earlier separate recordings. Here are Anne-Sophie Mutter's earliest concerto performances from 1978 to 1982, valuable reference material for her burgeoning performing character.

Brahms is perhaps the least well served here, though the very sense of reaching out to find a sufficient expressive amplitude has often quite compelling consequences. And the Mendelssohn, painstakingly lucid, does not yet delve deep, but its slow movement epitomises a quality also found in the Beethoven - a disarming and utterly individual inner repose, a sense of emotion, recollected in tranquillity and articulated through a fine, long singing line.

The two Mozart Concertos (the G and A Major) are the prizes of the box. The unforced simplicity of the outer movements restores a fresh transcendence after so much high gloss, while the sheer naivety of response to the arching opening of the G Major slow movement finds there a secret hidden from more mature, but more cluttered wisdom.

The blazon "direct metal mastering" and the word "Philadelphia" are eloquent heralds for the message of Michael's Schéherazade. True to form, this is a vibrant, immediate, ripe performance of shattering contrast where sound and silence meet in their extremes. The vivid wind solos of the Kalender Prince, the massive string surge of the sea pulsate in the memory. But they inhabit a world of drama rather than dream.

Collectors of Russian exotica may also be interested in a new Abbey Road mastering of a 1981 Soviet recording of the comparatively rare 1894 Caucasian Sketches of Ippolitov-Ivanov. Messiaen's Méditations sur le mystère de la Sainte Trinité is the latest and longest of his organ cycles, and Jennifer Bate comes to it near the end of her rainbow-coloured, crystal-detailed journey through the canon. As composition and as performance, here is a part of the musical greatness of our time.

Paul Griffiths Hilary Finch

PREVIEW Theatre

Refugees on Sunset Boulevard

A play whose characters include Tarzan and the Marx Brothers alongside Bertold Brecht and Thomas Mann is bound to have a certain zany quality about it apart from involving a clear clash of cultures.

Although the former group make only short appearances, they help to set the scene in Tales from Hollywood, which receives its British premiere at the National Theatre next week.

It is the story of a colony of German and Austrian writers who, as emigrants and refugees from Fascism, found themselves in Hollywood during the last war. They were warmly welcomed, but no one knew what to do with them once they had arrived.

Tales from Hollywood was commissioned by the Mark Taper Forum, in Los Angeles, where it had its first performance last year. It received an entirely favourable reviews from



Getting it all taped: Michael Gambon and Ian MacDiarmid rehearse Tales from Hollywood

the local critics, who reacted with some sensitivity to its picture of Hollywood.

Hampton, who had himself been writing for the cinema for a while - "an enjoyable, but in my case, apparently fruitless, pastime", he comments in an interview in the text of the play - was offered the commission in 1980. The stipulation was that it should be set in Los

angeles, the European emigrants caught his interest.

The emigrant writers were a temperamental group, often not speaking to each other, and to link the characters, Hampton introduced Oskar von Horvath, the Hungarian writer who was killed in Paris in 1938 when a branch of a tree fell on him. Hampton discovered that at the time of his death Horvath had

just started a novel in which a writer emigrated to America, so for his play he transported him over to Hollywood as one of the emigrants to narrate the story.

Christopher Warman

Tales from Hollywood is directed by Peter Gell, with Michael Gambon as Horvath, and also starring Billie Whitelaw, Guy Rolfe and Ian MacDiarmid. It opens at the Olivier Theatre (828 2252) on Thurs.

Out of Town

BIRMINGHAM: Alexandra (021 643 1281). French Without Tears by Terence Rattigan. Mon-Sept 3, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm

DUBLIN: Abbey Theatre (0001 744505). The Moon in the Yellow River by Denis Johnston. Until Sept 10, Mon-Sat at 8pm

HORNCHURCH: Queen's (040 24 4333). Black Comedy by Peter Shaffer and The School for Wives by Molière. Wed-Sept 17, Tues-Sat at 8pm; matinee Sat at 2pm

LEICESTER: Haymarket (0533 897977). Having a Ball by Alan Bennett. Until Sept 17, Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm; matinee Sat at 4pm

MANCHESTER: The Woodlanders by Thomas Hardy, adapted by David Horlock. Until Sept 17, Mon-Wed and Fri at 7.15pm (not Aug 29); Thurs at 6pm; Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinee Thurs at 2.30pm

STRAFFORD: Royal Shakespeare (0789 295623). Henry VIII. Thurs at 7.30pm

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA: Palace (0702 4258-4). Not Now Darling by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. Wed-7 Sept 24, Mon-Thurs and Sat at 8pm, Fri at 8.15pm; matinee Sept 14 at 2.30pm

PREVIEW Galleries

THE JAPANESE PRINT SINCE 1900 British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (636 1555). Until Sept 11, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm

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MANET AT WORK National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (638 3321). Until Oct 8, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-5pm

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ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE Still Gallery, 105 High Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1140). Until Sept 17, daily 10 am-6 pm

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Critics' choice

ARDEN OF FAVERSHAM The Pit (828 8795) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm; matinee Thurs at 2pm. In repertory with Liar by Edward Bond (today at 7.30pm)

THE FAWN Cotswolds (828 2250) Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory with The Beggar's Opera Wed at 7.30pm

HAPPY FAMILY Duke of York's (836 5122) Mon-Thurs at 8pm, Fri and Sat at 8.45pm and 8.30pm

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A PATRIOT FOR ME Newcastle (830 9332) Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Sat at 2.30pm

WOZA ALBERTI Criterion (830 3216) Mon-Fri at 8.30pm, Sat at 8.30pm and 8.30pm

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU Lyttelton (828 2282) Today and Fri at 7.45pm; Mon, Thurs and Fri at 7.45pm

YORK: Theatre Royal (0904 22588). Cinder with Rosie by Laurie Lee, adapted by Nick Darko. Until Sept 17, Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm, Wed at 7pm, Sat at 8pm; matinee Sept 17 at 4pm

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Groves Conducting Haydn

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PREVIEW Films

Big shots to reclaim the Twilight Zone



Enough to make you peck: Jeremy Licht and Kathleen Quinlan

Ageing science-fiction franks... Late-night television addicts, and devotees everywhere of the American horror will be pleased to discover that they are not alone in their predilections.

By today's standards it was pretty weak stuff but the programme was seminal. Spielberg watched it and ended up making Close Encounters and E.T.

of the seductive music. A season of Ostina's films runs at the National Film Theatre, Thurs to Sat 21.

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The Murder in Thornton Square, directed by George Cukor, was in some ways acting, script, décor superior to Gaslight. In other ways (essential claustrophobia, camerawork) it was inferior.

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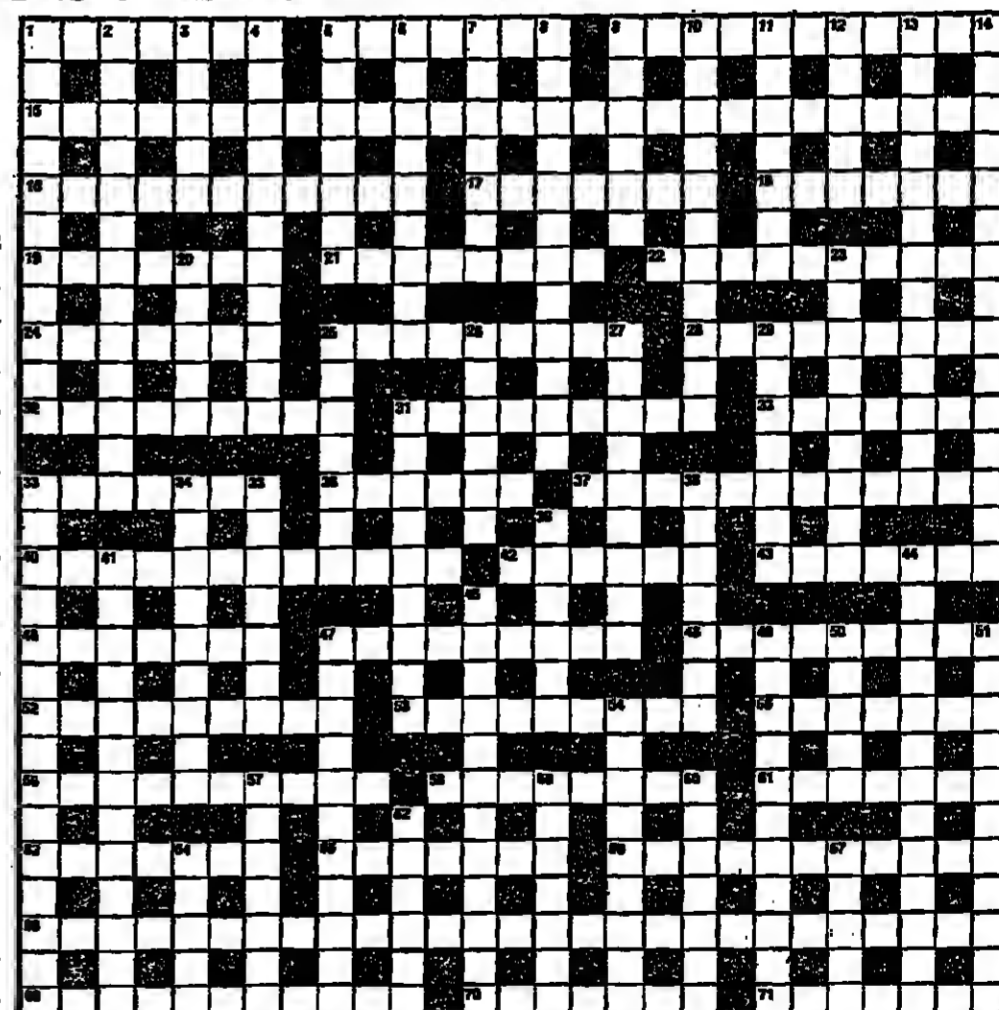
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- ACROSS 1 What Chaotic did was in a way no use (7) 2 Note the song "Sunny places" (7) 3 Involves giving pal cosmetic treatment (11) 4 Picture the prize won by the Prince of Arragon (3,8,2,1,8,5) 5 Checking the others on the throne, say? (11) 6 Writer enters dull surroundings of a Dickensian lawyer (7) 7 Transmissions to France over this band of frequencies? (7) 8 That of tobacco for the makings of a cigarette in general (7) 9 A bit of gum on a stick, like those in Kasey's (8) 10 See author, a successful one, embrace love (6,4) 11 There it was - that's why one had to tackle it (7) 12 Conversely it's one world power in 200 that's resolving cases of conscience (9) 13 Central area ranking above St James' (9) 14 Set aside ruin of red revolution, out one being lost (9) 15 Offers for consideration - or for money? (9) 16 Sort of verses e.g. Alice gets involved in (7) 17 OK for drinking, the River Board indicates (7) 18 New car tax as Humpty Dumpty's umbrella present (6) 19 Bar course for a singer (7-5) 20 Tendency to be roused by way-out talent (6) 21 Feasibly stirring, the double century I made (6) 22 Rejection of the German studies is depressing (7) 23 Barker's land register (7) 24 Simple vehicle - to make the directors happy (9) 25 Battered so inadequately paid has to starve? (9) 26 By oo means living up to being musically dim (5,4) 27 Get back under this cover (9) 28 Modernize in order to raise fruit (7) 29 Amanda and Miranda for instance (10) 30 Places in positions on the line (8) 31 What's found in blood-stream of a moorhen perhaps? (7) 32 Tears into sleep and comes a cropper (5,2) 33 Agastha in order to raise fruit (7) 34 Hindu scripture (3-4) 35 Could it be Sevenoaks in NW S2 (7,4) 36 Man's wrong, naturally, but may receive mercy from the ultimate tribunal (7,2,3,2,2,7,6) 37 How to end the round? A fair way to prove one's strength (4,3,4) 38 Skip, say - one having got away (7) 39 So we think he did it (7) 40 Revile a tool that's ruined an outstanding work of art (4-7) 41 Exaggeration concerning what the bank gives you (13) 42 His musical work's taken up over ho hour (5) 43 Tried revised version - crazy and damaging (11) 44 With government controlling everything its main needs replacement (7) 45 Two or more of them in most cases (9) 46 Says no concerning current safety precautions (7) 47 Sailor on British Rail is this for this (12) 48 Sounds cold? Hence pepper (6) 49 Extra oes added to form accidental crews (4-7) 50 Art-work for £1? Count the change (7) 51 Tea all round in the country (5) 52 Appropriate means of surveying a ménage à trois? (13) 53 Dedic avengers consult Wisden to do so? (6,3,6) 54 Prince has a large number always in support (5) 55 Went back to be ticked off about tree damage (9) 56 Final provision of fish here abroad, and money (7) 57 This is nothing but a line on a map (6) 58 Kept company with Albert and Edward (9) 59 Like the soldiers we will remember, and those in Shangri-la (7) 60 Customs sums payable for items bought out of turn (9) 61 Typist should have high typing speeds? (15) 62 But can drink make us so meddlesome? (7,2) 63 Trade restriction makes mob rage (7) 64 Part of church service, by Whistler or happy (9) 65 Steal away like Longfellow's Arabs (6) 66 Homer, before including pig in vulture's diet? (7,6) 67 Such is the force of the current (13) 68 Dublin home for Sybil's playboy (5,7) 69 Physician cap is new style - get one, Bruno (6,5) 70 Making money in other words, less initial loss requires bravery (11) 71 A problem for John Gipsy (5) 72 Making out judgment (11) 73 Ten-a-player before match starts - by whom one is 1 or (7-2) 74 Dead end in which I am out of date (7) 75 The jam-making trade (7) 76 In nurse as for so early? (7) 77 A little finger-twiddle again distressed the student (6) 78 Jack's no great swimmer (5) 79 Pretentiousness, we hear, of the estate's new owners (5)



Concise Crossword

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First division
 Arsenal v Luton
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 Everton v Stoke
 Ipswich v Tottenham
 Leicester v North County
 Manchester U v QP Rangers
 North Forest v Southampton
 Sunderland v Norwich
 Watford v Coventry
 West Ham U v Birmingham
 Wolverhampton W v Liverpool

Second division
 Barnsley v Fulham
 Blackpool v Huddersfield
 Carlisle v Cambridge U
 Charlton v Cardiff
 Chelsea v Derby
 G. Palace v Manchester C
 Grimsby v Sheff Wednesday
 Leeds v Newcastle
 Oldham v Brighton
 Portsmouth v Notts County
 Swansea v Sheffield W

Third division
 Bolton v Walsley
 Bournemouth v Preston
 Brentford v Millwall
 Exeter v Walsley
 Hull City v Burnley
 Newport v Bristol R (3.15)
 Orient v Bradford C
 Oxford U v Lincoln
 Plymouth v Wigan
 Port Vale v Scunthorpe
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 Torquay v Southport

Fourth division
 Aldershot v Havard
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 Stockport v York
 Tranmere v Bury (3.15)

Scottish second division
 Stranraer v Stenhousemuir
 Arbroath v Airdon Rangers
Scottish League Cup
 Second round, second leg
 Alloa v Falkirk
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RUGBY LEAGUE
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NOTEBOOK

L. M. Ericsson, the Swedish electronics group, reported that net earnings per share rose by a quarter in the first half-year to Skr10.8. Pretax profits reached Skr758m (£84m) compared with Skr676m. The company normally does better in the second half and should be helped by the devaluation of the Krona and improving North American sales.

Wagon Finance, the Sheffield hire purchase house, raised interim pretax profits from £257,000 to £457,000. But the company does not expect this rate of increase in the second half. The market was disappointed and marked the shares down 9p to 45p.

Bermuda stake for Fraser

Floose of Fraser is paying £20,000 for a 2.77 per cent stake in Hopewell International, the off-shore insurance company, in Bermuda. Hopewell has taken part of the store's group risk on its £1bn insurance on properties for nearly three years.

Vulvo of Sweden has sold 26 purpose-built police cars to Saudi Arabia in its largest foreign order for the model. The order is thought to be worth about 20m to 25m kroner (£1.7 to £2.1m).

Middle East Airlines 1982 annual report shows a net loss of \$40m (£27m) because of the fighting in Lebanon and particularly the closure of Beirut international airport for 115 days.

South Africa's trade surplus more than doubled to R596.1m (£35.2m) last month from June's R242.8m. July's exports rose to R1.72bn from R1.69m in June, while imports fell to R1.12bn from R1.45bn.

ICI Australia is to make a one-for-three rights issue of \$1.00 shares at \$1.60 each to shareholders. The issue of 61.67 million shares, will raise \$98.7m (£58m).

BSC could be main beneficiary of second phase

British companies poised to win £1 bn North Sea oil contracts

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British industry is poised to win more than £1bn worth of business from a revitalized North Sea oil industry. Contracts worth more than £2bn are about to be placed as the North Sea industry enters the second phase of its development. British Steel, which this week reopened its Hartlepool pipeworks to meet a North Sea order from Shell, could be the main beneficiary.

The rig and platform-building industry, which has been starved of orders for five years and has laid-off several hundred skilled workers, will be invited to tender for three big contracts. The contracts are for the second phase of the Marathon

Brae oilfield, a development of the Beatrice oilfield and, significantly, the programme to prolong the life of the Norwegian Ekofisk oilfield.

The Marathon order could be worth £1bn to the offshore industry, Marathon anticipates that as much as 74 per cent could be met by British companies. The Norwegian order involves 40,000 tonnes of steel fabrication because of the size of the contract, the Ekofisk rig will have to go outside Norway for the first time.

British industry is well placed to meet the Norwegian order on costs and delivery terms, but faces opposition from the Dutch who have also seen their

offshore industry's order-book contract.

The southern North Sea gas-fields are also entering a new phase of development, with orders for pipe-line equipment and production-platform supplies about to be placed.

The World Petroleum Congress which opens in London tomorrow will underline the importance of North Sea technology to the world oil business. With Britain moving into deep water exploration, new techniques are being sold to foreign oil industries, bringing in substantial foreign earnings.

Oil officials from China, which has already awarded the first three offshore exploration

contracts to companies with substantial British involvement, will be among the 3,000 world energy delegates from 80 countries attending the Congress.

This is the first time that the Congress has been held in Britain since the inaugural meeting in 1933. It will be officially opened by the Prince of Wales at the Albert Hall, before it moves to the Barbican for the week's working sessions.

The Prince will be presented with the honorary fellowship of the Institute of Petroleum by its president, Mr Alan Gregor, chairman of BP Oil.

The Chinese oil minister will take part in discussions later in the week and the Russian

minister of Energy will also take part in technical discussions. Papers will be presented by 135 oil industry experts, and 53 technical sessions will discuss how the oil industry can help the world economy in the coming years.

One session will attempt to answer the question: "Just how much oil is there really left?"

The president of the Congress, Dr V von Ilsemann, of West Germany, said yesterday: "The proceedings will produce a comprehensive picture of the ways in which petroleum technology can assist in shaping industry as we move into the 21st century."

Bournes losses put Raybeck into red

By Jonathan Clare

The spiralling losses of Bournes, the Oxford Street department store, forced Raybeck into the red last year.

Raybeck, built up by Mr Ben Raven, its chairman, includes the Lord John, Lady at Lord John and Berkatax chains of shops, lost £1.4m against profits of £125,000 when property profits of £973,000 (£292,000 last time) are stripped out.

Even at the pretax level the company saw a turnaround in its fortunes, as it made a £1m from profits of £507,000 to a loss of £457,000.

Bournes has been a millstone for Raybeck almost since it was acquired for £12m in 1978.

The costs to Raybeck have increased further over the last year because a deal with institutions to buy it fell through at the last minute. The closure of the store had already been announced but the failure of the sale meant that it had to keep trading leading to gibes about "the longest ever closing down sale".

Raybeck had to keep paying rent of £900,000 for an extra year until Bournes finally closed last Saturday.

But the premature announcement of closure affected turnover and is reflected in the figures published yesterday. Bournes will be paid £400,000 for its lease by the freeholders, Equitable Life and Scottish Amicable, two life assurance companies. The £400,000 will offset the



Raven: Bournes was a millstone for Raybeck.

Table with financial data for Raybeck: Year to 30.4.83, Pre-tax profit £507,000, Turnover £88m (£82m), Net total dividend nil (2.28p), Share price 34p (no change)

closure costs of Bournes to give a net extraordinary debit of £1.7m.

Bournes, formerly called Bourne & Hollingsworth, was hit by the decline of Oxford Street as tourists drifted away and higher prices after VAT increased.

Retail sales, boosted throughout May, June, July and August, should make Raybeck profitable this year and could return it to the dividend list.

BPCC bid tactic to be examined

By Andrew Cornelius

The Takeover Panel is investigating complaints about the tactics adopted by Mr Robert Maxwell's British Printing & Communication Corporation in its attempt to win control of John Waddington, the Monopoly games company.

The complaints were made by Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank advisers to Waddington. They claim that BPCC representatives had phoned Waddington shareholders claiming that BPCC had a higher percentage of acceptances for its bid than the true figure. If this were true it would represent a serious breach of Rule 24 of the City Takeover Code which lays down the ground rules governing declarations on acceptances during a bid.

Last night Mr John Hignett, director general of the Panel, said that he was treating the complaints "very seriously".

However, he said that no decision would be taken on whether to call a full meeting of the Panel to investigate the complaint until he had received written evidence from three Waddington shareholders who claim to have been called by BPCC representatives last Thursday evening.

Mr Victor Watson, chairman of Waddington, first drew attention to the complaint after speaking to Mrs Jane Whately, a Waddington shareholder living in Yorkshire. Mr Watson said that Mrs Whately claimed to have received a phone call on Thursday from someone claiming to represent BPCC.

According to Mr Watson the caller claimed that BPCC had won acceptances representing 49.1 per cent of Waddington's share capital.

However, BPCC announced yesterday that it is extending its takeover offer for Waddington until September 7. The offer was due to close today.

Meanwhile, Waddington claimed to have the support of more than half of its shareholders against Mr Maxwell. Waddington said that it had been notified of withdrawals totalling 6.8 per cent of its shares from shareholders who had previously accepted BPCC offer terms.

BPCC countered with the news that it had received more acceptances for its offer and now owns or controls 43.7 per cent of the Waddington shares.

Pound slips further against dollar

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Sterling recovered ground against continental currencies yesterday but was slightly down against a strong United States dollar.

After its bout of weakness because of poor July trade figures, the pound climbed back against the Deutschmark through DM4, although dealers said that covering of short positions accounted for part of the rise.

Sterling closed up just over 3 pence against the French franc at FF12.05, its trade-weighted value was up 0.1 at 84.8.

However, against the dollar, sterling slipped 65 points to \$1.5015 having fallen below \$1.50 earlier in the day. The dollar's strength reflected the usual end-of-week jitters over yesterday's US money supply figures.

Although another fall in M1 had been widely expected during the week, the Federal Reserve's action on Thursday to tighten liquidity led to fears that the money supply could be worse than previously expected.

At one stage the dollar moved above DM2.67, but it closed at DM2.6630, and nearly 7 centimes firmer against the Freecb currency at FF8.0125.

Dealers said the dollar was also helped by remarks from the West German Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, that United States interest rates and the dollar would stay high until next year's United States presidential elections.



The Federal Reserve's action in Thursday pushed up the key Fed funds rate, which at one stage during the week had slipped below 9 per cent. Yesterday, Fed funds moved back to around 9 3/8 per cent compared with 9 1/8 per cent on Thursday.

There was also some firming of Eurodollar interest rates yesterday. Although rates closed below their high points, there were net gains of 1/8 to 1/16 per cent.

The United States basic money supply is estimated to have declined by \$80m in the week ending August 17, according to the average of forecasts of 15 leading economists surveyed by Dow Jones Capital Markets Report.

A drop of \$30m in M1 would put the narrow money measure within the Federal Reserve's new target range for the first time. The Fed's long-run M1 growth target is 5 to 9 per cent for the rest of the year.

WALL STREET Recovery after sharp Dow fall

New York (Reuters) - Prices fell sharply in early trading yesterday as investors reacted to renewed fears over the possibility of tighter monetary policy.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.20 points to 1178.86 but rose 45 minutes of trading but rose 2.35 points. Volume totalled about 12 million shares.

Eastman Kodak was down 2-4 at 65 3/4 after a rise of 1-7 3/4 yesterday. After the close yesterday Kodak said it would show a profit improvement next year. It said margins and profits during the second half of this year were being squeezed by the rise in the US dollar.

International Business Machines was up 1-2 at 49 Lockheed up 3 at 107 General Motors up 1 at 67 7-8 NCR up 1-3 at 115 1-4 Teletype up 5 at 155 1-8 Rohm and Hass up 1-1-4 to 71 1-4 Akzo Aluminolm off 1-1-2 at 36 1-8 and Northwest Industries up 1-1-8 to 41 5-8.

Atlantic Richfield was 49 3-4 unchanged Allied Corp 50 up 1-8 Lorai Corp 52 1-2 down 1-3-4 American Broadcasting 23 3-8 down 1 5-8 Eastman Kodak 66 3-8 down 1-8 Zayre Corp 42 3-4 up 1 7-8 Mobil 32 3-8 unchanged American Telephone and Telegraph 65 1-8 up 3-8 and General Electric 47 1-2 up 1-4.

Hawley's Ashcroft joins board of Miss World

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Michael Ashcroft, chairman of the Hawley Group, is joining the board of the Miss World Group.

Hawley Group owns 22 per cent of Miss World, which was launched on the United Securities Market in April. The company has been building up its stake, fueling City speculation that it is considering a full-scale bid.

Mr Eric Morley, the Miss World chairman, and his wife Mrs Julia Morley, own 51.28 per cent of the company. Mr Morley said: "Mr Ashcroft has a considerable reputation as a successful businessman and entrepreneur and the directors feel he will be a valuable addition to the board."

The Miss World organization yesterday reported pretax profits of £93,300 on a £335,000 turnover for the first six months of the year. An interim dividend of 1p has been declared. There are no comparative figures because of a change in the end of the financial year.

Most of the group's profits come from the Miss World and Miss UK competitions, which take place in the second half of the year.

The Miss World Group is ahead of budget and on target for the minimum £300,000 pretax profits forecast when the company was launched. The group's shares jumped another 7p to 170p on the results.

Mexico signs \$11bn debt pact

By Our Banking Correspondent

The first stage of a \$20bn (£15.3bn) public sector debt rescheduling for Mexico was being signed in New York yesterday between Mexican officials and more than 300 commercial bank creditors.

The signing involved rescheduling of \$11.3bn of debts of the three largest Mexican government agencies, Pemex, the national oil company, Nacional Financiera and United Mexican States.

The debts falling due between August 1982, and December, 1984, are being stretched out over eight years and interest is being charged at 1.875 per cent

over London interbank offers rate (Libor) or 1.75 per cent over the American prime rate.

Similar agreements are expected to be signed over the next month for the other Mexican government agencies, completing one of the largest rescheduling deals yet.

Bankers face further complex negotiations on rescheduling \$14bn of Mexican private sector debts, but the public sector signing is a further indication of progress on resolving Mexico's problems. Its total debts, estimated at about \$92.5bn bridging loan to the Bank for International Settlements and repaid

a similar amount to the US Treasury.

Commercial banks are expected to hold further difficult talks with Brazilian officials in New York next week on a second big rescue package for the country. However, Brazil is now believed to have completed negotiations with the International Monetary Fund on a new economic programme, thus removing one obstacle.

Mr John Lewis of New York said that Brazil will soon sign a new letter of intent with the IMF and this could clear the way for further loan disbursements to Brazil.

Fine Fare's only department store sold

ABF breaks link with its past

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Associated British Foods is selling its only department store, the Welwyn Department Store in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, where the Weston family started to build the retailing empire which now includes the Fine Fare grocery chain.

The department store, which is on a long lease, is going to the John Lewis Partnership. John Lewis already operates 20 department stores and the Waitrose grocery chain. More than £5m is being paid for the store, it is believed.

The store, which is likely to keep its name under the John Lewis regime, was acquired by ABF more than 30 years ago. Mr Garfield Weston, who then

headed the company, bought a local, mainly grocery chain which also owned the department store, then about 10 years old.

The name of the local chain was Fine Fare. According to an ABF director, Mr Wallace Monaghan: "The department store was something of a sentimental link because of all this."

ABF had not planned to sell the store, which has been trading profitably with an annual turnover of £13m. John Lewis made the first approach. "It obviously makes sense for it to be in a larger department store group where buying power is maximized."

more than 560 outlets, with Mr Garfield Weston chairman of the group.

When the sale goes through in October John Lewis plans to maintain the present staff of 350 full-time and 250 part-time.

While trading continues, the store will undergo extensive refitting. The refitting is expected to take about a year during which the store will run as a separate company. After that John Lewis expects to take the store and its employees into its partnership scheme.

John Lewis has been expanding its department store chain gradually, buying a Bristol store from Sears Holdings in 1981 and Bonds of Norwich last year. It also opened a John Lewis store at Peterborough last year.



Weston: Sentimental link

City Editor's Comment

Pass go and collect your bid profits

The rules for conducting takeover bids on the London Stock Exchange are, on the whole, both just and sophisticated. They are the product of long years of experience in trying to maintain fair markets and protect the interests of shareholders in the face of boardroom, merchant bank and stockbroker machinations geared solely to winning.

Yet even the best of rules can lead to, and indeed create, bizarre situations.

The small shareholder in John Waddington, the paper company, can now reflect that the complications of Monopoly, the boardgame for which Waddington is most famous, are as nothing compared with what he now sees before him.

On the one hand was Mr Robert Maxwell's BPCC, claiming 47 per cent acceptances of his takeover bids at one moment and apparently well on the way to victory, even though a large body of shareholders had publicly committed themselves not to accept.

Then, after much lobbying by the spirited defending interests, institutional shareholders started to withdraw their acceptances.

This, it should be said, they are entitled to do until Mr Maxwell declares his bid unconditional, which requires 50 per cent acceptances - even though the cash alternative to the share-for-share offer has already closed.

Meanwhile, shareholders, large and not so large, are being bombarded by both sides by telephone, meeting and any other known form of communication.

To complicate matters further for the ordinary shareholder, the institutions withdrawing from BPCC's offer are not necessarily declaring their confidence in Waddington, because some are selling in the market to take advantage of a share price higher than BPCC's cash offer, though arithmetically lower

than the current value of its share offer.

Mr Maxwell's side, nonetheless, cannot buy these shares because it would have to offer cash to all equal to the highest cash price paid and has already declared its cash bid as final. Mr Maxwell's friends are likewise not allowed to buy in the market and then accept his share offer.

Somebody, somewhere, must therefore have full confidence in Waddington's management and the rapid turnaround in profits on which its defence was based. It is a brave man who will write off the determined Mr Maxwell, but small shareholders who do not want to stick with Waddington, should probably also sell at today's prices.

The immediate lesson is that some takeover bidders are becoming too clever for their own good. The tactic of declaring your takeover bid "final" is a good way to frighten shareholders into accepting, but can also mislead when the stock market is booming, as Mr Gerald Ronson discovered in his quest for UDS.

More generally, it is clear that shareholders should be wary of takeovers of companies just at the point of cyclical recovery in profits.

Here, the bitter lesson came from London Brick, whose offer for Istock Johnson was delayed but finally allowed by a Monopolies Commission investigation.

In the meantime, Istock had recovered so fast that it was not worthwhile for London Brick to buy at the higher price now necessary.

Beware of selling your assets at the bottom of the industrial cycle. Soon, shareholders in bid-for companies may want to remember another useful saw. Beware of accepting other people's expensive shares at the top of a stock market cycle.

Meriden dream ends at last

The Triumph Motor Cycle worker co-operative at Meriden, near Coventry, was finally wound up yesterday. Two hundred creditors including many former employees, approved the appointment of joint liquidators.

The co-operative has debts of £3.8m and assets of no more than £1.2m.

Mr Alastair Jones, one of the liquidators, said that on the

basis of the figures presented at yesterday's two-hour meeting, the many unsecured creditors, who are owed more than £2.5m, would not receive anything from their investment. The only secured creditor, NatWest, is owed £1.3m but how much it will get back depends on the sale of the site.

Triumph directors have received several offers, one believed to be of about £1m from builders who want to turn the site into a housing estate. The 180 workers at the factory, which has not produced a motor-cycle since February, decided two weeks ago that all hope of salvaging the business had gone and voted to call in a liquidator.

It was one of several co-operative enterprises founded in the 1970s when Mr Wedgwood, one of the others fell by the wayside.

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JAPAN AND GENERAL FUND: Invests in a wide range of Japanese equities, embracing aspects of the economy; the collective long-term capital growth, although its performance may be volatile. Trustee: Lloyd's Bank Plc. Distribution: 20th June and 20th December (next distribution for new investors: 15th January 1984).

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GLOBAL AND GENERAL FUND: A new Fund investing for capital growth through a portfolio of gold and other mining shares; the performance may be volatile. Trustee: Lloyd's Bank Plc. Distribution: 20th February and 20th August (next distribution for new investors: 20th February 1984).

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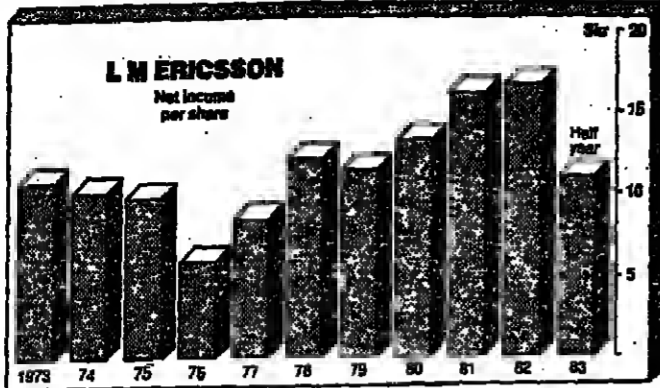
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FAMILY MONEY

Ericsson restores confidence

There has been some nervous American selling of Ericsson shares recently, in the main because the price has fallen about \$10 from the \$62.50 at which the successful New York issue was made in May. But the half-year figures from one of the world's leading electronic engineering companies should restore confidence.



on its American investor relations. The interesting aspect of recent New York selling is that few shares few shares have made their way back to Europe. Most have quietly been picked up by other Americans. With net profits of \$1.1, \$1.5m in sight for 1983, they could be right.

life to its present form and a capital reconstruction may not be far away. Mr Jarvis Astaire has just joined the board after buying the balance of the unissued shares which are traded on the Unlisted Securities Market. Mr Astaire has good connections - not least of which is Mr Gerald Roosen, of Heron - and a bid is possible.

The figures are confused by a change in accounting practice designed to lessen the impact above the line of currency losses caused by rapid inflation in countries such as Mexico. But net earnings per share are about a quarter up at \$110.5, and profits before appropriations and tax was \$17.75m (£6.4m) compared with \$16.75m (£5.1m). The full 1982 income was \$16.1m.

Greenwich Cable

Greenwich Cable Communications Half-year to 28.2.83. Pretax loss £161,000 (£46,000). Stated loss 8.64p (1.97p). Turnover £15,000 (£31,000). Net interest dividend nil (nil). Share price 40p, down 6p.

Greenwich Cable Communications' loss looks bad but it was not unexpected and it appears to be in line with the other cable operators, most of which do not publish results. But Greenwich is not achieving the market penetration it had hoped. Only about 800 people have signed for its subscription film service, against an expected 3,000, although the 6,800 users of the communal aerial service provide useful revenue.

The two main problems are the terms of the original pilot licence which allowed only one channel - and the difficulty of getting enough good quality films. It is true that Greenwich expected to make losses for the first three years, but it is too small to sustain the current rate at which it is losing cash.

Second half results should be helped by Anaconda-Ericsson, the American cablemaker, and there may be some improvement to Mexico. But Ericsson is now firmly embarked on a longer term strategy which will decide the future of the group. Much will hang on its ability to break into the North American market, a venture in which Ericsson has enjoyed some success already, and it also has ambitions in the highly competitive and diffuse products market.

The irony is that just as the company has embarked on this expansion Swedish investors appear to have lost interest. Ericsson has long commanded a high following in London, but in recent years it has cocooned

But other bodies - among them Cliff Oil, Save & Prosper, and M&G - still need to be convinced that RTZ is good for Geovor. Since Geovor has seemingly lost the will to develop the mine, RTZ is the only alternative. With almost a fifth of the strike in its hands RTZ can strike a deal with other shareholders. At 12p, well below the peak for 1982/3, the shares look sensitive to any such arrangement.

Wagon Finance

Half-year to 30.6.83. Pretax profit £457,000 (£257,000). Stated earnings 0.79p (0.4p). Turnover £10.9m (£2.3m). Net interest dividend 0.625p. Share price 45p Yield 7.3.

Disappointment at Wagon Finance's first half performance was amply reflected in the share price falling 9p to 45p. It is clear that the assumptions made about the impact on the company's fortunes of the consumer boom and the relaxation of credit controls were rather optimistic.

Not that the profits are bad. The £457,000 pretax made in the first half of this year was three-quarters up on the comparable period, and when allowance is made for the inclusion in the last year's figures of overprovisions, profits are running above trend.

But the company warns that after increasing new business by 17 per cent, the second half is unlikely to be as good. Against a slowdown in consumer spending, however, should be placed the profits accruing from business already written. Nevertheless, the possibility that interest rates will creep up again is depressing for hire purchase companies, and it is difficult to see that Wagon will return quickly to the profitability of the late 1970s.

Ward Holdings Half-year to 30.6.83. Pretax profit £959,000 (£902,000). Turnover £7.5m (£5.5m). Net interest dividend 1.19p (5m). Share price 75p up 2p. Yield 6%.

Investment Trust of Plymouth Half-year to 30.6.83. Net revenue after tax £305,000. Net asset value 136p (115p). Net interest dividend 2.1p gross (sama).

Geovor

It would be an exaggeration to say that there is a battle for control of Geovor, the sole independent Cornish tin mine, but there is definitely competition.

Rio Tinto-Zinc picked up another 50,000 shares yesterday, bringing its total holding to 19.5 per cent, a whicker more than Geovor, its arch-rival, for so long the main shareholder.

Since RTZ took over Wheel Jane and almost acquired South Crofty opinion in Cornwall has been convinced that a play for Geovor was likely.

The obstacles were the tin price, the need to overcome local suspicions and convince Whitehall that the industry would benefit, and the sizable blocks of Geovor in other hands. The price appears much less of a problem now, and the success of Wheel Jane had gone some way to assuaging fears about the interloper.

Martin-Black cuts half-time losses

By Vivien Goldsmith Martin-Black, the Scottish wire manufacturer, has cut half-time pretax losses from £131,000 in £25,000.

The trading account swung from a profit of £9,000 to a loss of £18,000 but the significant shift in the company's fortunes was the closure of its loss-making Speedwell Wire Company in February. As a result, it cut borrowings and reduced interest payments from £110,000 in 1978 to £60,000.

No dividend is being paid. The last time shareholders received any payment was in 1978 when a final dividend of 1p was declared. Turnover was down to £3.99m compared with £5.3m for the same period last year.

Nothing to do with financial legislation is ever simple but one good basic guide to what you can do with the BES has been written in a question-and-answer booklet by Mavis Seymour, a tax manager with Stoy Hayward, the accountants, and is available free from the firm.

A qualifying company must be unquoted. If it is traded in the "over the counter" market that is all right, but an Unlisted Securities Market quotation is not. It must trade primarily in Britain. Some businesses, such as investment financial, accountancy and legal services, will not qualify. The company must be independent with a fully paid-up share capital.

There is absolutely nothing to stop you writing your own business plan. There are no

Where to sell Krugerrands now

As if the estimate release of the gold price to be "talked up" were not of sufficient concern, investors now find themselves caught up in the crossfire of billion dollar dealing. In the last couple of weeks, Customs and Excise officials have been buzzing round City of London financial institutions trying to piece together a jigsaw of smuggling and tax evasion.

Mr Walter Shaw, whose company, Shaw Cavendish, is, he claims, the biggest gold coin dealer in Britain. The company's telephones in Chester have not stopped ringing with inquiries from distressed investors, he says, since he took the step of letting it be known that, for him, at least, it was business as usual.

Shaw Cavendish is trading normally in buying and selling gold coins. It remains to be seen whether it might eventually face liquidity problems, but its buy-back policy is in sharp contrast to that of the big London bullion houses.

Sharps Fixley is operating what it calls a "restricted facility". This means it is still selling Krugerrands but will buy them back only from existing customers whose coins Sharps already holds in custody.

At Johnson Matthey, all gold coin dealings with the public are suspended. So if you have a few Krugerrands stashed away - and one recent estimate is that more than four million people in this country do - how could you now realize your investment?

The International Gold Cor-

poration which markets Krugerrands in this country has been busily making soothing noises, saying that it does not see the present situation as any cause for concern for personal investors. The corporation bases this reassuring view on the fact that gold coin investors can continue to buy through either Barclays or NatWest. The 3,000 NatWest branches also buy back Krugerrands.

NatWest's buy/sell spread is somewhat wider than the main bullion houses were quoting before the present problems. Last Wednesday, NatWest was selling Krugerrands at £291.50 plus VAT and buying back at £283.50. But at least it is providing a basis for the gold coin market to continue. Its spread is also rather less savage than that of some Eastern European dealers.

On the same day, the Bullion Company Ltd was quoting a Krugerrand sale price of £296.50 plus VAT, but a buy-back price of only £265.

The message for Krugerrand holders is that unless you desperately need cash now, hold on to your horse and your coins.

Peter Garland



Krugerrands: Some bullion houses have suspended dealings. The gold price is almost certainly set to rise in the next few months.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Highgate and Job Year to 31.3.83. Pretax loss £165,518 (£261,227 loss). Stated loss 17.7p (28.3p). Turnover £5.9m (£7.1m). Net final dividend Nil (same). Share price 70p up 15p.

ALFRED WALKER Year to 30.4.83. Pretax profit £51,000 (£106,000). Stated earnings 2.9p (6.1p). Turnover £19,000 (£31,000). Net interest dividend 0.75p. Share price 50p up 2p. Yield 2.1%.

COMMODITIES

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET 12.5 p.m. Gold 418.00-420.00. Silver 425.00-426.00. Platinum 432.00-433.00. Copper 430.00-431.00. Zinc 432.00-433.00. Lead 434.00-435.00. Tin 436.00-437.00. Nickel 438.00-439.00. Cobalt 440.00-441.00. Uranium 442.00-443.00.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES Cattle, calves, sheep in pounds per cwt. (base-off in US\$ per metric ton). RUBBER 100-102. COPPER 430-432. ZINC 432-434. LEAD 434-436. TIN 436-438. NICKEL 438-440. COBALT 440-442. URANIUM 442-444.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES Receipts in £ million. SUGAR 174.00-176.00. COFFEE 180.00-182.00. CLOVE 184.00-186.00. PEPPER 188.00-190.00. CORN 192.00-194.00. SOYBEANS 196.00-198.00. WHEAT 200.00-202.00. RICE 204.00-206.00. COTTON 208.00-210.00. SWEET POTATOE 212.00-214.00. HEMP 216.00-218.00. JUTE 220.00-222.00.

GREAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSIONS All prices in £ pence per cwt. (base-off in US\$ per metric ton). BEEF 100-102. PORK 104-106. MUTTON 108-110. SHEEP 112-114. CALVES 116-118. GOATS 120-122. HORSES 124-126. CATTLE 128-130. SWINE 132-134. SHEEP 136-138. CALVES 140-142. GOATS 144-146. HORSES 148-150. CATTLE 152-154. SWINE 156-158.

Table with columns for various financial metrics: AMF, B&S, C&S, etc. It lists company names and their corresponding values for different metrics.

Munton in new cash call

By Jonathan Clare Munton Brothers, the textile company which makes shirts for Marks & Spencer, is asking its shareholders for cash for the second time in less than a year.

It is raising £1.55m to pay off borrowings from the acquisition

WALL STREET

Table showing Wall Street market data with columns for various stock indices and company names. It includes data for the Dow Jones, S&P 500, and various individual stocks.

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Table listing various financial products and services available in the family money market. It includes details on bank accounts, investment funds, and insurance policies.

MONEY FUNDS

Table listing different types of money funds and their performance metrics. It includes information on equity funds, bond funds, and specialty funds.

Guaranteed Income Bonds

Return paid net of basic rate tax. Higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity. 2 & 3 years Canterbury Life 8.5 per cent min investment £1,000. 4 years General portfolio 9-11.5 per cent. Min investment £1,000. 5 years Hull Life 9.5 per cent. 2-4 years investment £1,000.

Local authority yearling bonds

12-month fixed rate investments. Interest 10% per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds

Fixed term, fixed rate investments. Interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source (reclaimable by non-taxpayers)). 1 year Kingston upon Hull 10% per cent. 2-4 years Hammersmith and Fulham 10% - 11% per cent. 5 years Kingston upon Hull 11% per cent. 6-9 years off £y 11% per cent. - 10 years Worcester 11 per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-830 7401, after 3pm). See also on Prestel no 24808.

Building societies

Ordinary share accounts - 7.25 per cent. Term shares - 1 to 5 years; 10 years 8.5 per cent and 1 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rates depending on the term. Regular savings schemes - 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers. Finance house deposits (FHD) Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits. Interest paid without deductions of tax. Five-Fifty schemes: 6 months 10% per cent; 1 year 10 per cent; 2 years 10% per cent.

Foreign currency deposits

Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Inc. Reserves 0481 26741. seven days notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

Ordinary accounts - interest 3 per cent. first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account - 11 per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES 20th ISSUE

Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 8.25 per cent; maximum investment £5,000.

NATIONAL SAVINGS INVESTMENT BOND

Minimum investment £20,000 - max. £200,000. Interest - 11 per cent increasing to 11% per cent from 3 Sept variable at six weeks notice - paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 or 6 months notice - check penalties.

NATIONAL SAVINGS 2nd INDEX-LINKED CERTIFICATES

Minimum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index. Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1983 paid to new investors. Existing holders receive a 2.4 per cent supplement between October 1982 and October 1983 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 Retirement Issue certificates purchased in August 1978, £173.75 including 6 per cent bonus.

Base Lending Rates

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and financial institutions. It includes rates for ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, Citibank, etc.

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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Home loans

Letter

True costs of Public Trustee

From The Public Trustee... Sir, in the Family Money section of August 20, you compare the annual administrative charges of the banks, the Public Trustee and Messrs Dearden Farrow...

Marathon sponsor

Nationwide Building Society is sponsoring the London Marathon and will be making cash awards to the first three athletic club teams...

College cover

An insurance policy for students which gives cover at reduced rates for young people who want to insure their belongings during term time is available from the Oxford-based broker E. Harrison.

Smoke cover

Householders who have an insurance claim are often surprised to discover that damage caused by smoke is not included in their cover.



Penny fund

Fortunes have been made and lost in penny shares, according to Mr Freddy Lawson, above, who this week launched his penny share fund...

Expatriates help

Going to live or work abroad causes a number of problems, many of them associated with tax. The Inland Revenue has published a booklet...

Student accounts

Discount vouchers producing savings of up to £120 are one of the features of the TSB's new Young Adults package...

Aid for newcomers

Under Hamlyn, the City accountancy firm, has published a simple guide to income and capital taxation, designed for the owners/managers of new businesses.

Abbey looks abroad

Abbey Life's managed fund, one of the biggest in the market at over £84m, is broadening its portfolio by including overseas investment...

Lloyds' best bet

Lloyds Bank is recommending its Worldwide Growth Unit Trust as the best bet for would-be investors...

Business hints

Self employment is an increasingly popular way of avoiding the debt queues but too many small businesses fail within their first five years...

US-guaranteed

Guaranteed income bonds are always a popular choice with those dependent on return from investments to pay

Mortgages

Tax traps to net house buyers

Nearly everyone knows that the owner-occupied house is one of the sacred cows of the British tax system. It is, however, hedged to by one of the thickest jungles with vicious tax traps designed to catch the lucky and successful...

Building societies

Balancing the borrowers' scales



For sale: houses galore, but cheap mortgages will be harder to come by

Halifax and Leeds Permanent building societies are reintroducing differential mortgage rates - the system whereby the more you borrow the higher the interest rate you repay...

offers a monthly income facility for investments of £1,000 or more. The differential of 1.75 per cent over the ordinary share rate of 7.25 per cent is in all cases guaranteed...

Table with columns: Loan, Interest Rate, Monthly Repayment. Rows show various loan amounts and interest rates.

THE COST OF A HOME LOAN

Table with columns: Building Society, Differential mortgage rates, Availability of loans, Comments. Lists various building societies and their mortgage terms.

Your bank statement on demand

Account holders with Royal Bank of Scotland and its English subsidiary, Williams & Glyn's, will soon be able to get a 'mini bank statement' at the press of a button.

Amex cheques for visitors to the Gulf

Frequent visitors to the Gulf will be pleased to know that travellers cheques in Saudi riyals are now available from American Express offices in Britain.

We have got a tranche of £500,000 which is available at 11.25 per cent for people who want home loans of over £25,000

Woolwich, in common with all the big societies and many of the smaller ones, has launched a two-year term share paying 9 per cent net of basic rate tax and it is this raising of investment rates and the average cost of societies' money that has forced Halifax and Leeds to bring back mortgage differentials.

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Chase de Vere confirmed. This is likely to be used up very fast so would be house purchasers should waste no time. We may be able to obtain more for lending at these rates, but otherwise we can arrange loans for virtually any amount over £25,000 at 12 to 12.5 per cent.

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AVERAGE Return: 66.62% in one year.

In our August 1982 Investment Action Report, we drew our clients' attention to just FOUR recommended unit trusts. According to Planned Savings Statistics (August 1983), these were the performances of our recommended trusts:-

Table showing investment performance of four unit trusts: GT Technology & Growth, Profitable North American, Legal & General Gift Trust, and Gartmore UK Smaller Companies Recovery.

It's worth noting that these trusts were ALL available at an exclusive 1% discount. To judge how good these figures are, look at the returns in a building society over the same period. A £5,000 investment would have produced £353 for a basic rate taxpayer and even less for a higher rate taxpayer.

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RECENT ISSUES table with columns for company name, price, and yield.

BRITISH FUNDS table listing various funds and their performance metrics.

MEDIUMS table listing medium-term investments and their details.

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN table listing international investments.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES table listing local government investments.

DOLLAR STOCKS table listing investments in dollar-denominated stocks.

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS table listing bank and discount investments.

BREWERS AND DISTILLERIES table listing investments in the brewing and distilling sectors.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL table listing commercial and industrial investments.

A-B table listing various companies and their financial data.

The stock market ended the second leg of the three-week holiday account on a firm note yesterday. But business was slow and volume down as many traders closed their books early before the bank holiday.

Government securities had gains of up to 5/4 before last night's American money supply figures. Dealers were hoping that if the figures were good, the last two sets have shown considerable improvement and are now on target, then the British Government might take the lead in nudging interest rates down.

Index-linked stock again attracted buying demand on the good yields offered and fears over a rising inflation rate. Bewater fell another 8p yesterday to 216p, having fallen 8p on Thursday on rumours that Hoare, Govett has revised its profits forecast downwards and thinks the shares overvalued.

The brokers denied the claim and says that it sticks by the figures it released in June. The interim figures are due next month. Other leading equities recorded gains of between 5p to 10p

MARKET REPORT

Gilts in strong gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

enabling the FT 30 share index to close 4.7 up at 722.1. Trafalgar House shares held steady at 177p, despite the company admitting that it had received approaches to buy the Bristol Hotel in Mayfair and the Cunard International at Hammersmith, west London.

Some of the potential buyers are from overseas, Trafalgar said, but refused to disclose further details. A Trafalgar spokesman said: "They are simply approaches and we get a lot of those."

Although the modern Cunard hotel has not been valued the Bristol is thought to be worth about £20. KCA Drilling steady at 40p, where the management company Roehold is buying out the KCA International 75 per cent interest, is assured of some strong support from its American bankers Chemical Bank.

subsidary from the cash draining parent - is already in for £18m of loans and is prepared. Speculators in Jackson Oil may be disappointed to know that no new announcements are expected, contrary to market rumour. The shares have run up to 110p since collapsing to 75p on news that two Brunei wells were dry.

Conway brokers Laing and Crutchfield say there is enough cash to finance proven reserves and to cover committed exploration activity. However, negotiations may begin shortly for farming in other companies for prospects in Indonesia. An announcement is expected in December. Laing consider the present share price about right.

to see that figure rise substantially. The benefits, despite the poor interim figures from Drilling,

are cash generated staying in the company. The KCA chairman, Mr Paul Bristol, will have no executive power and money is to be made available so Drilling can expand. The bank said that although Mr Bristol has a loan note over 18.3 million shares, if he wished to exercise his option he would have to cancel £6.7m of debt.

Although KCA Drilling will start trading immediately with a heavy debt burden of £30m, Chemical Bank said it intends exercising an option to acquire 7 million shares at 37p. Although an offer document has been issued at 37p to the 25 per cent minority shareholders, none are expected to accept the below market price offer and the company is keen for the shareholders to stay in.

The oil sector bounced up on comment over Thursday's profit figures from Bristol, up 12p to 254p, and ahead of next

week's figures from BP, 8p better at 438. Ladbroke, also reporting next week, jumped 5p to 227p. The company is also expected to announce its decision on whether it will commit £30m to a new cable television project.

The activity surrounding the introduction of cable television prompted good demand for the leading television broadcasting companies. Granada rose 5p to 176p, while Anglia firmed 8p to 157p.

Further withdrawals of BPC's offer for games maker John Waddington created confusion yesterday as doubt arose over who owns what. Waddington shares firmed 9p to 270p.

Fleet Holdings firmed 6p to 117p on news that the Australian company Bell Holdings had increased its stake. A viability report on its exploring activities offshore Ireland due next week put buyers back in for Atlantic Resources up 15p to 340p. Egnatium jumped 20p to 200p.

Wayne Lintott

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Australia II is the threat to Peter de Savary's dream

Moment of truth for Victory

From David Miller Newport, Rhode Island

Three years ago Peter de Savary, an entrepreneur, with only superficial knowledge of America's Cup racing...

perseverance with the speed system and postponement of the important selection of the after-gard...

De Savary's squad are wedded to their boat. All yesterday's spand members worked in the holding...

finals. Pettison, the 40-year-old Olympic referee who would not willingly combine with Crebbia...

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker brothers in fine start

By Jenny MacArthur

The brothers Michael and John Whitaker from Yorkshire made a fine start to this weekend's Hickstead meeting...

ROWING

Moves to halt decline

From Jim Kailton Duisburg, West Germany

The British crews go on trial tomorrow in the rowing championships...



Miss Mitchell: feared together with the men's heavyweight coxless four...

The men's heavyweight coxless four might just produce a surprise in an event weakened by the absence of the Swiss world champions...

MOTOR RACING

Lotus team lay down challenge

From John Blunden, Zandvoort

The return of the John Player Lotus team to a position of full competitiveness took another major step forward yesterday afternoon...

Manzell immediately laid down his challenge to the Renault, Ferrari and Brabham teams...

Manzell's time of 1 minute 16.7 seconds whittled the challenge for 45 minutes of the hour-long race...

The Marlboro McLaren team have rushed through two of their new TAG turbo-powered cars...

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rovers give Fulham big incentive

By Keith Macklin

Victory is sweet and Fulham and Kent Invicta search desperately for a taste of it in tomorrow's league game...

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Weightlifter took drugs

Caracas (Agencies) - The Canadian, Guy Greavette, who returned his two Pan American Games weightlifting gold medals...

CLUB AND VILLAGE CRICKET

Festival occasions

By Ivo Tennant

Two true festivals of cricket take place at Lord's this weekend. Today Hastings and St Leonard's Priory play Shrewsbury in the final of the National Club championship...

IN BRIEF

Cash gets disqualified

Port Chester, (New York), (AFP) - Pat Cash of Australia, was thrown out of the men's tennis tournament here for three violations of the professional code of conduct...

BADMINTON: The world champion, Louie King of Indonesia, was easily beaten by the Chinese junior, Yang Yang, in the men's singles quarter-finals...

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Unit Trust Prices - change on the week. A large table with multiple columns listing various unit trusts and their performance metrics.

Cricket: England should be able to enforce follow-on in final Test

Cook demoralizes New Zealand

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent
TRENT BRIDGE: New Zealand, with three first innings wickets in hand, are 253 runs behind England...



Playing and missing: Franklin (left) and his captain, Howarth. (Photographer: Chris Cole).

off bat and pad from a forward defensive push. Before he is finished as a Test player Franklin will, I fancy, be for a long time with great credit...

Scorecard

Table with columns for batsmen, runs, and bowlers. Includes sections for England and New Zealand.

Football: Live TV adds interest to new season Survival of the richest in an antiquated system

Football reached a crossroads last season. The authorities, belatedly recognizing the gravity of the overall position, first asked Sir Norman Chester the way to proceed and then promptly ignored his advice...

Matching up the new faces Man United v QPR Wolves v Liverpool

United's display in the Charity Shield strengthened the belief that they could go all the way. Today they begin in earnest with Wolves in a match that is expected to be a test of the injured Coppell...

Ipswich v Tottenham H Arsenal v Luton Town

With their recent expenditure leaving them an estimated £4.3m in the red, Tottenham had better have a good season if they are to justify the hopes of the new signing, Brighton, make their first appearances in defence and Brazil returns to Portman Road for the first time...

C Palace v Man City Chelsea v Derby County

Considering the penniless state of Manchester City, their new manager Billy McNeill might find it difficult to make them back into the first division. The sacking of McDonald has not eased their situation as his deputy Davies has been injured...

Middlesex close gap on Essex

By Marcus Williams
LORDS: Middlesex (23pts) beat Surrey (13) by 103 runs. To forestall any counting of chickens in Chelmsford and environs, Middlesex comprehensively defeated Surrey yesterday to reduce the margin at the top of the county championship...

Personal landmarks for Kallicharran and Imran

By Peter Marrao
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (23 points) beat Sussex (5) by 21 runs. This has been a vastly entertaining match, and for that we thank Kallicharran who, in making 113 not out, scored two hundreds in a championship match for the first time, and Imran, whose six for six, which included a hat-trick, was his best bowling performance for five years...

Championship table

Table showing the current standings of cricket teams in the championship, including Middlesex, Essex, Warwickshire, and Surrey.

Captain to the rescue Seven for Underwood

By Richard Streeto
FOLKESTONE: Kent (24pts) beat Leicestershire (6) by 10 wickets. Leicestershire's last three wickets held out for 50 minutes yesterday before they were dismissed in 123 and Kent were left needing 22 for victory...

Lancs v Derbys Yorkshire v Gloucs Northants v Glamorgan

Summary of match results for Lancashire vs Derbyshire, Yorkshire vs Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire vs Glamorgan, and other regional fixtures.

Athletics: Overt loses to Druppers British girl qualifies

Steve Overt won his private battle with Peter Elliott in the 800 metres at the Ivo Van Damme Memorial meeting last night. The way Overt hung back in seventh place at the bell showed that he was not really interested in winning here, before his attempt on Sebastian Coe's world mile record in Koblenz next Wednesday...

Cycling: Hubble blames British coaches after failure

The fifth day at the European Championships proved a bitter-sweet day for Britain as Phil Hubble, at 23 years of age our most experienced international competitor, slumped in fifth place in the 200 metres butterfly final while the lady of the team, Sarah Hardcastle, was experiencing mixed fortunes on the track...

Swimming: Big hitter wins Open

England will go into the home international at Royal Portbury next night with a 21-year-old Yorkshire girl, who yesterday had rounds of 70 and 76 to win the British Women's Open Amateur Strokeplay. Miss Gandy's four-round aggregate of 292, the best in the event's 15-year history, left her two shots clear of Jane Combs, last year's champion...

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RACING: FOUR-PRONGED BRITISH CHALLENGE FOR WORLD'S RICHEST RACE IN CHICAGO

Shareef Dancer is valued at world record \$40m Veteran can be one in a Million

One million dollars is the asking price for a share in Shareef Dancer. This places an overall value of \$40,000,000 on Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum's Shaikh Dancer...

Shareef Dancer is valued at world record \$40m. Veteran can be one in a Million. From Graham Rock, Chicago. John Henry can write another vivid chapter in his legendary career by winning the world's most valuable race...

'Reckless' Starkey faces Jockey Club

Crevice Starkey is to appear before the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club for reckless riding at Goodwood yesterday. After winning the Drawing Room Stakes on Mint House for Grey Starwood...

Brilliant USSR in final

The Soviet Union, qualified for the final of the European championship for the first time yesterday by beating Spain 4-2. They could, on this brilliant form, post themselves on the road to Los Angeles for next year's Olympic Games. They led 2-0 at half time.

Zalataia for Grand Prix

The final weekend at Deauville features the Grand Prix tomorrow and I believe this group two event will go to Zalataia from the German victor in the previous year...

Taylor injured

Having completed a double for Hermy Hindley on Fawcett and Brian Taylor broke his collarbone when his mount, Brave Memory, fell. Brave Memory had made smooth headway and was going well on the best of his legs when coming down half a mile out.

Goodwood

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IN MEMORIAM

BRIAN SPYKES - 58 years old, died of cancer after a long illness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK PUBLISHERS invite authors to send manuscripts for publication.

ELEANOR BARRON - 83 years old, died peacefully.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 41 years of service to the community.

TRAVEL ADVERTISING - Last Minute Holiday Bargaing.

PILGRIM-AIR - Special flights to Holy Land.

FLORIDA TOWNHOUSE - Holiday home for sale.

COSTA DEL SOL - Holiday apartments for sale.

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PERSONAL COLUMNS

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS

CORFU GOLDEN-SEPTEMBER - Holiday package in Greece.

CORFOT HOLIDAYS - Holiday package in Greece.

August/September Flight Availability

CHEAP GREECE! - Twin bedded room, light, transfer, courier service.

SUNMED HOLIDAYS - Holiday package in Greece.

UP, UP AND AWAY - Travel services and flights.

BRITANNY BARGAINS - Travel services and flights.

JUST FRANCE - Travel services and flights.

STERLING TRAVEL - Travel services and flights.

LOW COST FLIGHTS - Travel services and flights.

TRAVEL SERVICES - Travel services and flights.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

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Sunday

- BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.30)
Begin with Trian (two paintings), then, at 8.50, History of Mathematics; 7.15 Colour Television (2); 7.40 Molecular Biology (part 2); 8.05 Colonies in Review.

- TV-am
6.25 Good Morning Britain: Includes news at 7.20, 8.00 and 8.30. Sport at 7.15. Special feature: Meritrow at Woodstock (review of the singer's concert), at 7.30; the Beatles Then and Now, at 7.25; Celebrity guest at 8.15; Aerobics at 8.30. Presenters: John Noakes and Toni Arthur.

- BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 8.10)
6.30 Rock Around the Clock: Fifteen uninterrupted hours of rock music.

- CHANNEL 4
2.50 Film: When Comedy Was King (1952) Compilation featuring silent film comedians from the 1920s, 30s and 40s. Hosted by Keaton, Ben Turpin and Harry Langdon.

- BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
6.30 Cratering and Lunar Geology; 7.15 Computing (critical path); 7.40 Brain and skull; 8.05 The Universe Tomorrow; 8.30 Chemistry: History of Norephindrone; 9.00 Cambridge Greens; 9.15 Koozie Koozie includes the Dr Bernardo story (7); 9.30 This is the Day: an act of worship, from Fairway, Sussex; 10.00 Aslan Magazine; 10.30 dance; 11.25 Farming.

- TV-am
7.25 Thought for a Sunday: with Monsigneur Bruce Kent.
7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub for the four-to-eight-year olds.

- BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 8.50)
6.30 Grandstand: Motor Racing/Crick/International Show Jumping; 8.00 International motor racing (at 2.00) is the Dutch Grand Prix, from Zandvoort. Commentary by Murray Walker and James Hunt. At 2.40, there is live coverage of the fourth day's play in the Fourth Test between England and New Zealand. And, at 3.00, the Humber Life Derby, from Hickstead. Highlights from today's play in the Fourth Test on BBC 2 tonight at 8.40.

- CHANNEL 4
2.30 Film: Gaslight (1938)
Thorold Dickinson's acclaimed thriller about a Victorian husband (Anton Walbrook) who tries to drive his wife (Diana Wynyard) out of her mind. Co-starring Robert Newton and Frank Pettingall. Re-made in Hollywood as The Murder in Thornton Square.

- Radio 4
6.25 Shipping; 6.30 News; Farming Today; 6.50 In Perspective: Religious affairs, 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News; 7.00 News; 7.10 Today's Papers; 7.15 On Your Farm; 7.45 In Perspective; 7.50 It's a Wonderful World; 7.55 Weather; 8.00 News; 8.10 Today's Papers; 8.15 Sport on 4; 8.45 Breakfast, including 8.57 Weather; Travel; 9.00 News; 10.05 Talking Politics (interview with the Home Secretary, Leon Brittan); 10.30 Daily Service; 10.45 Pick of the Week; 11.35 From Our Correspondent; 12.00 News; A Small Country Living; Quote... Unquote; 12.55 Weather; Programme News; News; 1.00 Titles from the South China Sea. The lives of the British in South East Asia in the days of Empire; 1.35 Shipping; 2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre, "A Sage Photograph" by Chris Madden; 2.35 Medicine Now; 3.05 Wildlife; 3.30 Women of Mystery, Jessica Mann investigates the lives of women crime writers. Final programme; 4.00 News; International Assignment - BBC correspondents on a contemporary issue; 4.30 Does He Talk Sugar? Magazine for disabled persons; 5.00 Here's Looking at You Kid; Ingrid Bergman: A celebration of her screen career; Alexander Walker writes, and presents, this feature; 5.25 Whizzbangavealwith with the National News Company; 5.30 Shipping; 5.55 Weather; Travel; 6.00 News; Sports Round-up; 6.25 Desert Island Discs; Cindy Busby and Annie Peck; 7.00 News; Alexander Walker talks to Dr Anthony Clare.

- Radio 3
7.55 Weather; 8.00 News; 8.05 Auld Auld German, Brahms, Liszt; Boulanger (Nocturne), Sibella; (Souter King Christian II); 9.00 News; 9.05 Stargazer, New records; 9.15 The Sound of Music; Suite (Piano Conc. No 2); Brahms; 9.30 News; 9.35 Stargazer, New records; 9.45 The Sound of Music; Suite (Piano Conc. No 2); Brahms; 10.40 Equale Brats; Gordon Ross, George Lloyd, Garthwaite art; Martin Gollan; 11.30 Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Concert, Part 1: Vivaldi, core; Gersony; 12.15 Interval Reading; 12.20 Part 2: Tchaikovsky (Serenade in C for string orchestra); 1.00 News; 1.05 Brahms Lieder; Patricia Rozario (solo); Wynford Evans (part 1); St Arden (South tower series); Record: Elgar, Brahms, Vaughan, Handel (all mono); Parry; Walton, Williams, Holst; 2.00 Jazz Record; 2.35 News; 2.40 India: A Catechism of Culture; "A Sense of the Past" - talk by John Kay.

- TONIGHT'S PROM
7.30 Mozart: Symphony No 41 (Jupiter); Strauss: Burleske in F minor; Weber: Kornerstuecke in F minor; Hindemith: Symphonic metamorphosis of themes by Carl Maria von Weber; Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, under Norman Del Mar, with Philip Fowke; 8.30 Peter Hurford, recital on organ of Sydney Opera House; Couperin, Facheler, Borge, Rindemith; 7.30 Stories of Horsemen by Jorge Luis Borges; 7.30 Proms 85 from Royal Albert Hall; Part 1: Mozart, Strauss (see page); 8.30 A Closer Look: Vernon Scannell on Siegfried; 8.50 Proms 85, Part 2: Weber, Hindemith; 9.45 The Red Star and The Cross. The Church in Eastern Europe; 10.30 Czech Cello and Piano Music; Martinu, Janacek, Josef Suk; Alexander Ballo (cello) and Katrina Sturrock (piano); 11.15 News; 11.20 Medium Frequency/Medium Wave as well except 11.55; 11.55 News; 12.00 News; 12.10 News; 12.15 News; 12.20 News; 12.25 News; 12.30 News; 12.35 News; 12.40 News; 12.45 News; 12.50 News; 12.55 News; 1.00 News; 1.05 News; 1.10 News; 1.15 News; 1.20 News; 1.25 News; 1.30 News; 1.35 News; 1.40 News; 1.45 News; 1.50 News; 1.55 News; 2.00 News; 2.05 News; 2.10 News; 2.15 News; 2.20 News; 2.25 News; 2.30 News; 2.35 News; 2.40 News; 2.45 News; 2.50 News; 2.55 News; 3.00 News; 3.05 News; 3.10 News; 3.15 News; 3.20 News; 3.25 News; 3.30 News; 3.35 News; 3.40 News; 3.45 News; 3.50 News; 3.55 News; 4.00 News; 4.05 News; 4.10 News; 4.15 News; 4.20 News; 4.25 News; 4.30 News; 4.35 News; 4.40 News; 4.45 News; 4.50 News; 4.55 News; 5.00 News; 5.05 News; 5.10 News; 5.15 News; 5.20 News; 5.25 News; 5.30 News; 5.35 News; 5.40 News; 5.45 News; 5.50 News; 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